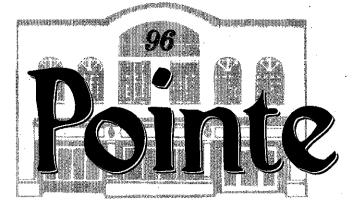
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North volleyball team wins first two MAC Red matches PAGE 1C

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THURSDAY, DEC. 21

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SUNDAY, DEC. 24

- ◆ Children's liturgy at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park, begins at 4 p.m. There will also be a midnight Mass.
- ◆ Masses at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, will be at 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and midnight.
- Advent worship at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, is at 11 a.m. Family worship is at 5 p.m. Communion and candlelight worship is at 7:30 p.m. and a candlelight service is at 10 p.m.
- ◆ St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher Freeway, Detroit, offers its children's pageant service at 5:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. carol prelude service with a festive candlelight service at 11 p.m.
- ◆ St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, will have a 4 p.m. Mass, followed by the children's nativity pageant at 6 p.m. Caroling at 11:30 p.m. precedes the midnight Mass.
- ◆ Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillian, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a family and children's service at 4 p.m. and a festival Eucharist at 10 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, will have a 4 p.m. family service, a 9 p.m. candlelight service and an 11 p.m. Holy Communion, candle-
- light service. ◆ St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds services at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. with communion.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, has scheduled a 10 a.m. service, a 5 p.m. family service and an 11 p.m. candlelight ser-

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Decked out for holidays

The Wardwell House on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park has been decorated with traditional green wreaths and red bows on its windows and doors. Like a looping necklace, the picket fence has been adorned with green swags. The overall appearance of the historical house is one of a Christmas card wishing all happy holidays. More Christmas photos on page 23A.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Questions answered on Hollywood

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

More than two dozen residents attended the Grosse Pointe Woods' city council meeting Monday night to hear new information presented in connection with shots fired after a Nov. 11 party in the 900 block of Hollywood.

"The investigation is still open and we're taking this incident very seriously," Woods Public Safety Department Director Mike Makowski said. "Everyone in our department is providing hours of service to

Crime Stoppers

Anyone with information concerning the Nov. 11 incident of shots fired in the air following a party on Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods should call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587). Calls are anonymous and a reward may be of-

solve this matter. It is urgent that we find out who fired this weapon and make an arrest."

The incident began after a birthday party the night of Nov. 11. The birthday girl invited

several friends, who in turn invited more friends.

After an altercation occurred between some of the party-goers later that evening, chaperones broke up the party and made everyone leave the house.

The mother of the girl said she saw four boys get into a car and one of them fired a gun into the air, Woods detective Dan Koerber said.

He added they have talked to all of the teenagers who were on the party list and their par-

See SHOTS, page 10A

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Fewer students expected

Enrollment projected to fall in 2007-08 by 33 students

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

A drop in elementary school enrollment is expected to result in a net loss of 33 students next year in Grosse Pointe public schools.

Because enrollment is used to determine how much state rollment is." education funds are due the district, the forecast has Pointe administrators hunkering down for a hit in next year's budget.

"A 33-student decrease (is) about a \$330,000 decrease in revenue," said Chris Fenton,

assistant superintendent of business affairs and conductor of the forecast.

"This (forecast) is of assistance to us as we begin the budgeting process," said Superintendent Susan Klein. We begin at this time of year taking a look at what our en-

With total district enrollment this year of 8,899 students, Fenton isn't worried about being on the cusp of a 33-student slide amounting to less than 1/2 percent.

See SCHOOLS, page 3A

Parking deck setback upped

Residents request more elbow room

By John Lundberg Staff writer

Kercheval Place won't be all "decked" out for Christmas, but City of Grosse Pointe officials are making a list and checking it twice.

concerns over the proposed parking garage behind Kercheval Place in the Village,

the City council has made significant revisions to the structure plans that were introduced to the community three weeks

One of the largest complaints from neighbors was the proximity of the garage and ramp to their property. Initially the deck was proposed to be as close as four feet from the residential property line. But, by Responding to neighbor's moving the ramp indoors, the setback for the two-story struc-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'When people commit to each other, there's an obligation.'

Jeanne Lizza



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods Family: Husband Michael; children Alison, Micaela, Maria and Thomas

Claim to fame: President of Special Kids and creator of Grossepointeopoly game See story on page 4A

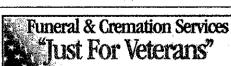
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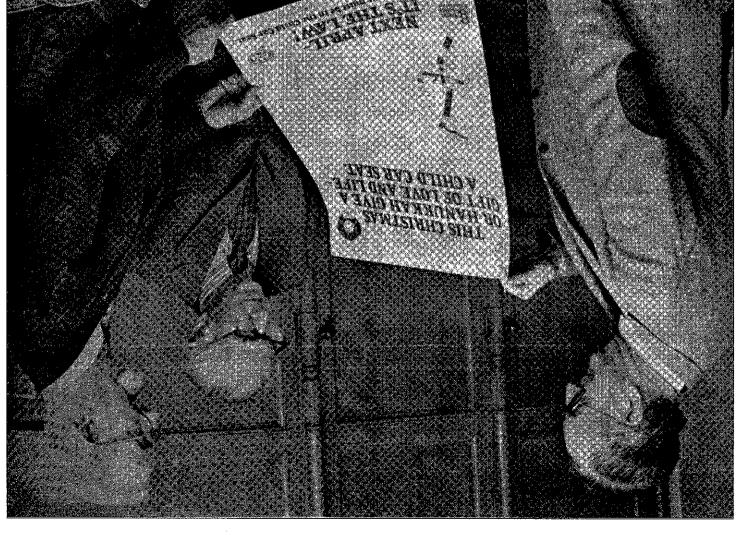
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281: Think safety this Christmas

ager of community relations for AAA Michigan, Ross Roy; chairman of the Traffic Safety Association (TSA) and W. Howard Cox, ing purchase of the seats as gifts now because demand has far surpassed current supply. Pictured from left are Arthur Gibson, man-With the child car seat law going into effect in the next few months, representatives from the committee that drafted the law are urg-

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Lake Front pool coming along

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

Refurbishing the city pool at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park is ahead of sched-

Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said, "The people (from B&B Pools) are using heated tents to help them complete the work and they say it might be done at the end of April if the weather cooperates.

Otherwise, the pool will be ready for Memorial Day weekend, which is the traditional opening for the facility.

The handicapped ramp and the steps have been poured with concrete. Workers have also begun to install the liner to the mushroom pool, the second baby pool.

Once completed, work will begin on the main pool liner.

"The work has gone extremely well," councilmember and recreation commission council representative Vicki Granger said. "Hopefully the weather will stay mild so the workers can get a lot done."

Council gave its approval to spend \$1.1 million on the entire project, which includes a new liner, renovations and engineering costs.

The end of the pool with the diving board has been deepened to adhere to state codes.

"The deepened part of the pool is a preventative measure so swimmers don't injure their necks diving too deep," Sharp said. "The pool will be better for everyone who uses it."

Other renovations include installing anchors for 10 starting blocks on three sides of the pool and for stations to be used with the 50-meter course.

The pool is also equipped with an AquaClimb, a modular wall consisting of 3 feet by 3feet fiberglass panels. Each panel can be turned in four different ways to change the level of difficulty.

"Our pool should be packed again in the summer," Granger said. "We hope all of the changes will bring in more families. That's what the pool is here for."

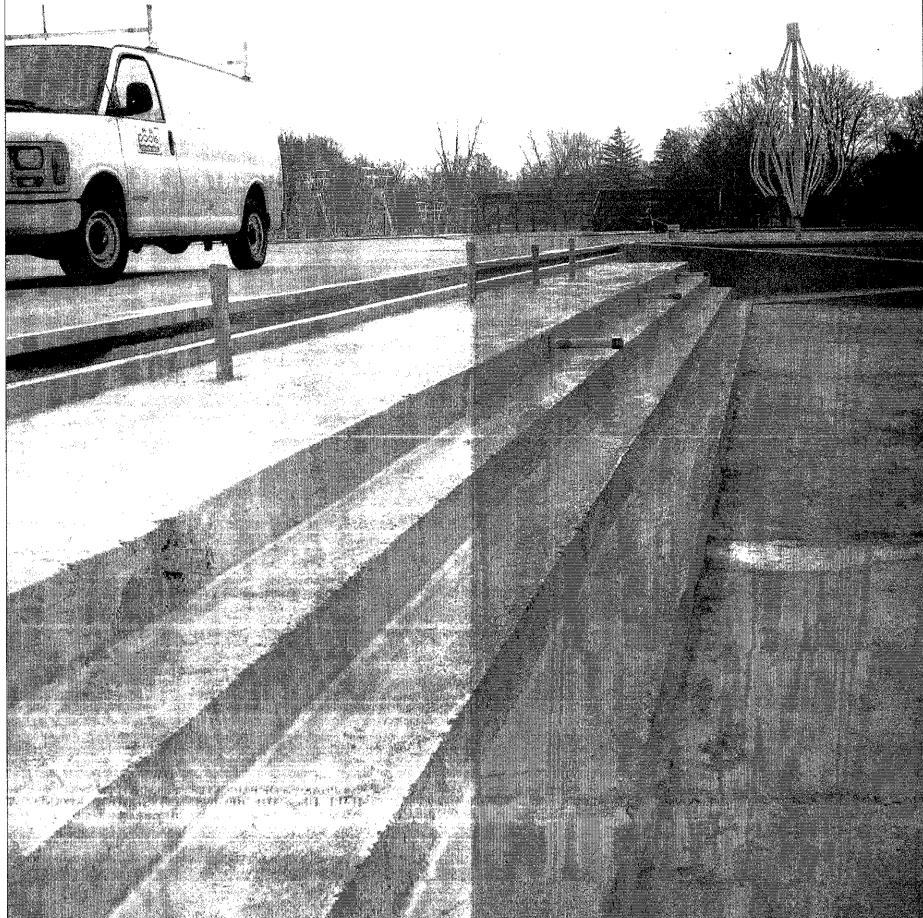


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Pictured above is a current view of the Lake Front Park pool after D&B Pools workers poured the cement for the steps and handicap ramp.

SCHOOLS: Enrollment is stable

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"If you look over the course of the next few years, I call this stable enrollment," Fenton said. "There is no dramatic decreases."

He has been working on projections for about a month.

"We factor in our recent history and make projections forward," he said.

Fenton cautions that projections are just predictions.

"You might see an increase here or decrease there," he said.

Elementary

This year's elementary school enrollment of 3,505 students is forecast to drop by 47 students next year.

Fenton said the biggest decline will occur in fourth and fifth grades. Schools facing the biggest drops are spread throughout the district:

- ◆ Ferry Elementary in the Woods, where an overall drop of 33 students is envisioned;
- ◆ Maire, in the City, a drop of 27 students and
- ◆ Trombly in the Park, forecast to lose 21 students.

On the flip side, Fenton thinks elementary schools at the north end of the district will shore-up overall losses:

- ◆ Poupard, in Harper Woods, is forecast to receive 24 new students,
- ◆ Mason Elementary, in Grosse Pointe Woods may have 18 new students.

Fenton extended his projections on a yearly basis through 2011-12, when he predicts overall elementary enrollment will reach 3,641, a 136-student increase from this year.

"I call this stable enrollment. There is no dramatic decreases. We factor in our recent history and make projections forward. You might see an increase here or decrease there."

Chris Fenton Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs

Middle school

The short term downturn continues next year in middle school, but not by much.

"We're seeing a slight decrease in middle school of two students," Fenton said.

The district's three middle schools currently host a combined 1,982 students. Parcells has the most at 737, followed by 668 at Brownell and 577 at

On deck for next year is a loss of 33 students at Parcells, the addition of seven students at Brownell and 24 more students at Pierce.

The five-year forecast ends with declines at all three middle schools: a 61-student drop at Parcells, 10-student drop at Brownell and eight-student drop at Pierce.

High school

Current high school enrollment is 1,534 at North and 1,622 at South for a total of 3,156. Next year, a three-student decline at North will be countered by 19 more students at South for a net increase of

Fenton's five-year outlook sees high school enrollment during the 2011-12 year at 3,001, a drop of 155 students from this year.

WEEK **AHEAD:**

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- ◆ Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, will have a 4 p.m. candlelight service.
- ◆ First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier. has scheduled a 5 p.m. candlelight service, a 7:30 p.m. candlelight service, and an 11 p.m. candlelight service with Holy Communion.
- ◆ Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, will have a family service at 5 p.m. A candlelight service, with hand bell and adult choirs, takes place at 10 p.m.
- ◆ Three services will be offered at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, 10 a.m. 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The latter includes

communion.

◆ First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, has a 6 p.m. service with lessons and carols.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas Day

- ◆ Mass of Christmas Day will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ There will be no mail ser-
- ◆ Garbage pick-up will be delayed a day.
- ◆ All government offices will be closed. ◆ Christ the King Lutheran
- Church has slated a 10 a.m. service with Holy Communion. Mass at St. Clair of
- Montefalco will be held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- ◆An 11 a.m. service will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillian, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ St. Michael's Episcopal Church will have an informal

Christmas Eucharist at 10:30

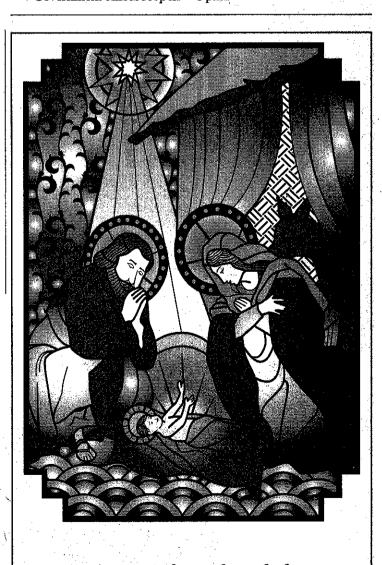
◆ St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a 10 a.m. worship service with communion.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26 ◆ Government offices reopen at normal times.

◆ Services for Older Citizens' will hold an afterglow tea at 3 p.m. at the center, 17500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

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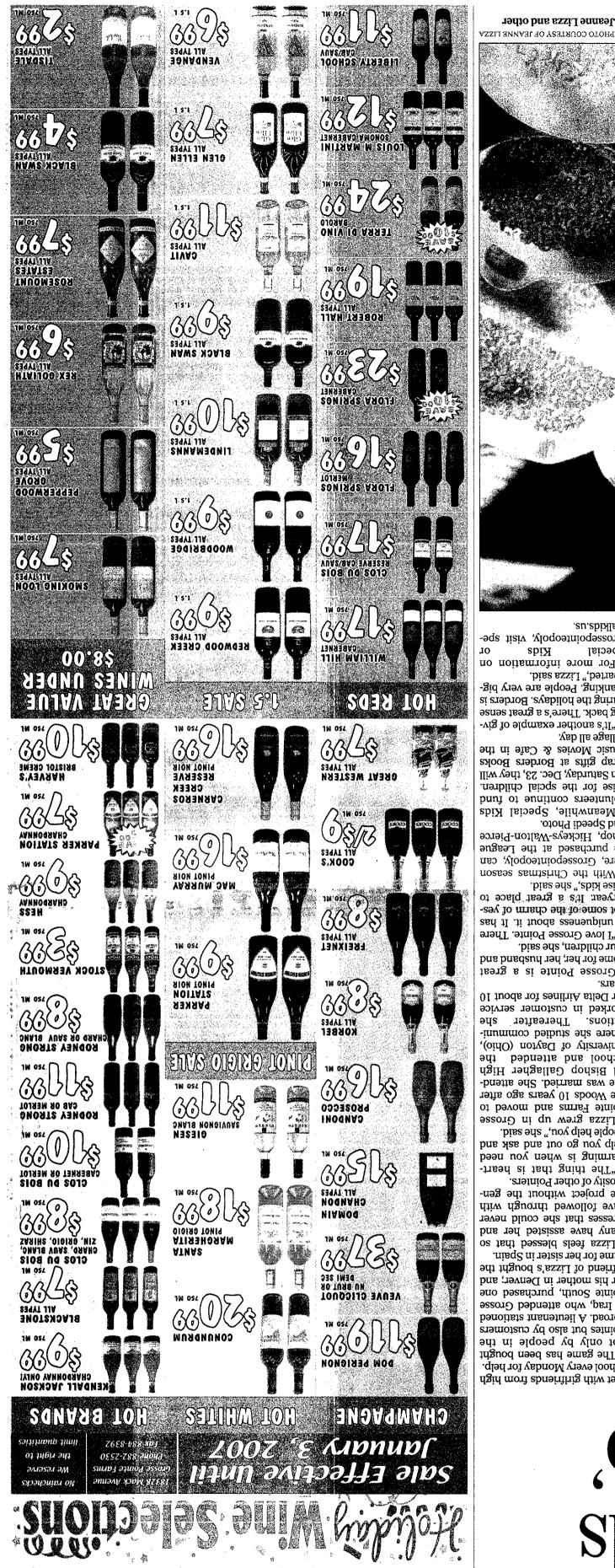
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Reverence for life in Haiti

By Carrie Cunningham Special Writer

I recently visited a hospital in Haiti and realized the meaning of true service.

The hospital is Hopital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) and began more than 50 years ago by William Larimer Mellon and his wife, Gwen.

Mellon read a Life magazine article about medical missionary and Nobel Peace prize winner Albert Schweitzer and was so riveted by the piece that he and Gwen decided to start a hospital for the poor in Haiti.

Part of the famed Mellon family that made their fortune in the oil and banking industries, Larry took a different path from his forbearers and chose to dedicate his life to serving others in need. The motto of the hospital derived from Schweitzer's advice to have reverence for life. The

hospital exudes this principle in every way.

I became interested in the hospital after reading a book titled "Song of Haiti" written by Barry Paris which depicted the selfless and productive lives of the Mellons' life in Haiti. I contacted the hospital staff and visited the hospital to see the wonder of its giving mission.

My first day in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, I arrived in Port Au Prince and drove three hours to Deschapelles where the hospital is located. I was accompanied by Ian Rawson, son of Gwen Mellon, and his wife Lucy as well as other workers and guests of the hospital. The city was bustling and poor and wooden shacks were everywhere. As we rode on primarily dirt roads, we saw people in the markets selling food and women dressed in bright floral dresses. We stopped for

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peanut brittle and saw buses called tap raps packed with people and livestock. Compassionate messages about devotion to Jesus were painted on the vehicles.

One of the most memorable days occurred on a trip to a town called Petit Riviere. With Ian, a group of hospital staff and volunteers made the journey though mountains and across a river near the town. Ian and I took a rest at a local hospital and encountered a

Haitian with a great story.

At first the Haitian seemed standoffish, but via a conversation with Ian he became friendly. He realized Ian was from HAS and told Ian that Gwen Mellon had treated him as a child. She came by every day while he was in the hospital and told him everything would be alright. She was right: He eventually healed.

This anecdote reveals the commitment HAS has towards its patients. The staff deals with Haitians with respect and compassion. The notion of reverence for life is real and the story provides a microcosm for the hospital at large.

The hospital offers help to hundreds of thousands of people living in Deschapelles via many medical services and community health programs. Diseases and conditions like AIDS, malaria, malnutrition and tuberculosis are treated by doctors and health workers from across the world, as well as from Haiti. They discuss various cases three times a week to educate the hospital's clinical staff.

Moreover, projects have been started to help the socioeconomic lives of Haitians. Family planning and land restoration are some of the notable developments at the hospital

A distinct part of the hospital is the way workers help Haitians participate in their own health care delivery and improve their socioeconomic lives. The hospital charges a small fee for hospital services and trains Haitian workers to provide health care. Land restoration has been achieved through the combined work of HAS workers and Haitians.

A poem by one of Larry Mellon's friends, Dr. Y.C. Yen, encapsulated this philosophy. He wrote: "Go to the people.

Live among them. Learn from them. Love them.

Plan with them. Start with what they know. Build on what they have."

Two women exemplify Yen's concept in their work with Haitians.

Denise English, a physical therapist, has helped heal Haitians and trained them in her discipline. Starry Sprenkle, an ecologist, has assisted with tree planting in the mountainous region of Deschapelles.

On one of my first days at the hospital, I observed English treat women with strokes and dislocated joints. As she helped the women in walkers, two Haitian nurses, Yverose Thelusma and Jeanine Turrene, followed and learned about physical therapy. The women were captivated by English's caring.

"She is a good person to work with. She advanced my own knowledge," Thelusma said

Sprenkle has instituted a tree planting project which has and will bolster the economic lives of Haitians. Last summer, Sprenkle, HAS members and local volunteers selected 10 plots in the mountains of Deschapelles and planted 100 trees on each of these plots.

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A Haitian woman carries goods in the Dechapelles region of Haiti.

The trees will both fertilize the soil so more crops can grow and also provide goods to sell when the trees mature.

The tree program involves an exchange between HAS and farmers. Sprenkle established a written contract whereby HAS will provide supplies and educational materials for planting and harvesting trees while farmers, in turn, are expected to tend to the trees and trade goods collected from them.

"Community development and HAS have a long history of asking for people's active participation in aid projects, and we are honoring that tradition. This empowers them," Sprenkle said.

Indeed, it seems the effect of this agreement is that any perceived notions of inequality are diminished, and Haitians feel imbued with respect. Speaking of Sprenkle, Haitian Levy Dorsainvil reveals this idea:

"She is courageous to go up into the mountains. She likes to work," he said. "She gives people the encouragement to work for themselves."

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While HAS's medical care and community health and development programs have given life and hope to the thousands of Haitians living in Deschapelle, many problems still exist. Walking in the hospital, I saw the ravages of diseases like AIDS and malnutrition

Additionally, the lives of Haitians in the valley and mountains of Deschapelles are hard. Women carry goods over long distances to reach markets in which to sell them. In one mountain community, I saw people who had to walk through steep crevices to obtain water for themselves and their malnourished livestock.

Nonetheless, the tradition of service that the Mellons built at HAS remains. Their example to the world, without an agenda and purely altruistic, should motivate people to help the poor.

As a friend of Larry Mellon's, said: "It is only from within that the heart is moved, the soul acts. If progress in human affairs is accomplished, it is by this miracle."

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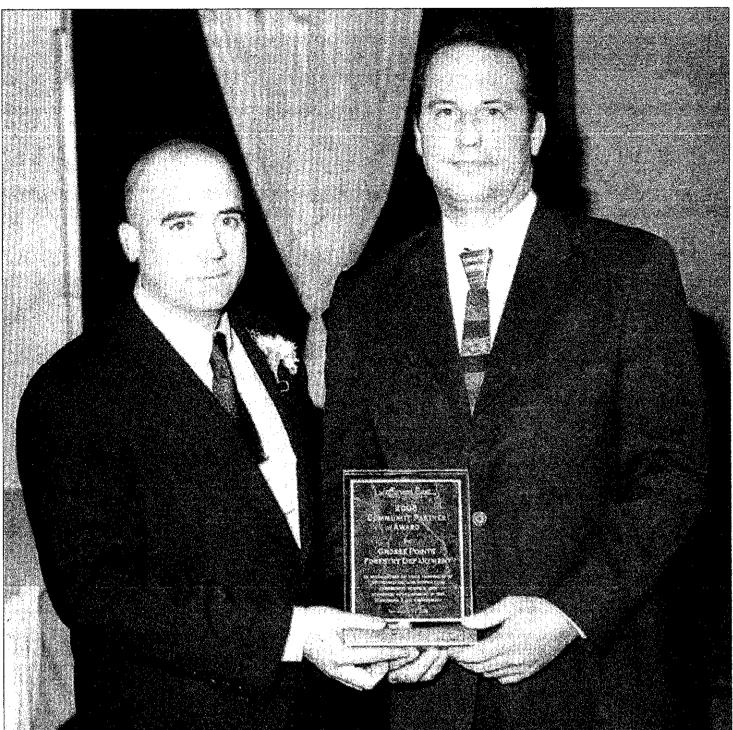


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Jefferson Business Association Executive Director Chris Garland, left, presented Grosse Pointe Park City Forester Brian Colter with a plaque for volunteering.

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Seats filled

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' City Council approved nearly two dozen appointments to city commissions during a recent

Miller and Michael Moore Boddy, Roland F. Day II, were reappointed to the Thomas J. Fahrner, Duane W. Citizens Commission board, while Frieda Jossens, Candice Kerby, Madelyn Kleitch and Thomas Solomon were reappointed to Community Tree

Commission. Mason Ferry, Ronna Gillis and Nancy Patek were reappointed to the Historical Commission, and Peter Gilezan was reappointed to the Local Officers' Compensation Commission.

Douglas Hamborsky and which expires Dec. 31, 2011.

Ahmed Ismail were reappointthe Planning Commission. Nancy Hames decided to step down after her term expires and Joseph E. Sucher was appointed to take her spot.

Other candidates to fill Joseph Dansbury, Mark Hames' spot were Matthew Recreation Hartley, Sean Hendrick, Mozena and John Sabol.

Rosemary Flanagan, Sharon Maier, Mary Rose Nelson, Frederick Petz and Joan Thorton were reappointed to Senior Citizens' Commission.

The final reappointment was Frederick Kaleal to the Building Authority Committee.

All of the terms expire Dec. 31, 2009, except Gilezan's,











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EDITORIALS

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

From the Editorial Page of the New York Sun, 1897:

e take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun: Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if

Two wishes for Christmas

Christmas - and they are not a pair of in-Rather, our Christmas wishes are for a Trader Joe's long-term lease for Kercheval Place in the Village and for an arrest in the recent rifle-fire incident on Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

here are two things we would like for

Taking up the latter first, Hollywood residents were relieved Monday night to learn the alleged gunman was not a Grosse Pointe North High School student.

Police officials also said the parent at the Hollywood home involved acted responsibly by terminating her teenager's birthday party when it appeared it was getting out of hand. Building department inspector Gene Tutag reported all was in order with the rental status of the home.

The problem remains in that the teens are afraid to name the gunman who fired the shots in the air. To that end, an award is being offered through the anonymous tip line, Crime stoppers. We urge those who know anything to call Crime stoppers at (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587) — if for no other reason but to get a dangerous weapon off the streets.

Our first Christmas wish relates to the proposed redevelopment of the former Jacobson's building in the Village commercial district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Currently, the council and city officials are working diligently coming up with plans for a new, two-level parking deck to replace the existing 30-year-old structure. The new parking facility is needed to meet the needs of specialty grocer Trader Joe's, which requires a significant number of flat parking spaces to accommodate shopping carts.

While Trader Joe's has submitted a letter of intent, we are told, it has yet to sign a long-term lease that would make the City's proposed \$4 million investment in a new parking deck

No doubt Mayor Dale Scrace would be pleased to find a 20year Trader Joe's lease in his Christmas stocking this year. Merry Christmas!

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you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man,

nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m Monday.

Cook Schoolhouse: You can bank on it

To the Editor:

Without a doubt the schoolhouse move was a brilliant now need two banks on every business alignment between block. Mr. Alan and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Alan now gets to sell a very valuable piece of property he couldn't sell with the schoolhouse located on it and the city gets to preserve this little gem of a schoolhouse for next to nothing.

But something is askew with part of the plan. From what I read, a bank will be built where the schoolhouse once stood. Seriously, do we need another bank on Mack Avenue? Is it the goal of the

city of Grosse Pointe Woods to approve the building of a bank on every single block?

A bank is already on that block; I guess they think we We have a golden opportu-

nity to create something unique and fun for the younger generation of this community and I'm sickened that the city would go along with the building of another

ERIC WALTERS Grosse Pointe Woods

G.P. school system involvement

To the Editor:

Visit the Web site gpschools.org and on the right side toward the bottom you

notes on it.

will see agendas. In addition to the agendas, you will find agenda with board packet. Please read the agenda with board packet and think about it. Maybe print it, take it to your family room and make

School System trustees and

administration have worked

hard to improve communica-

tion with the residents. The

latest improvement is a large

Better yet, print it, make notes on it and come to the board work sessions at 6 p.m. before the board meetings, then come to the board meetings at 8 p.m.

It is your dollars being spent, about \$130 million this vear.

Your trustees have made it clear they welcome your thoughts and will listen to the residents. Visit the Web site gpschools.org and send them an e-mail.

Your trustees have to cut about another \$4 million from the budget this year. Give them your thoughts on spend-The Grosse Pointe Public ing your tax dollars yet keep

the quality of education up to high standards.

Trustees, administration, teachers and residents must work together. Residents, usethe information the trustees and administration have provided to you. Help the trustees and administration. They have a big job to do and are work ing very hard.

Get informed. Get involved. CHARLES COLLINSON Grosse Pointe Park

Modernistic library design too much

To the Editor

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council, business owners and architects have done an excellent job in keeping the Hill traditional looking.

The new library designs would be wonderful in a large city; however, the building is way too contemporary for our

The builders have some good ideas, but the modernistic design does not fit in with the rest of our charming city. I hate to say it, but it would be an eyesore.

JULIE LATTIMORE Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Jacob G. Hornberger

Anti-life justification of Iraq war

s the debacle of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq continues to spiral downward, sucking countless more people into its death throes, some of those whose philosophy contributed to the fiasco remain steadfastly unrepentant for the death and destruction they have wrought.

Among the unrepentant is George Weigel, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, which describes itself as "Washington, D.C.'s premier institute dedicated to applying the Judeo-Christian moral tradition to critical issues of public policy."

The center's Web site describes Weigel as "a Roman Catholic theologian and one of America's leading commentators on issues of religion and public life."

Weigel recently wrote an article entitled "Baghdad 2006=Tet 1968?" published in the Dec. 7, 2006, issue of the Arlington Catholic Herald, the official newspaper for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

In his article, Weigel writes,

"Reasonable people could, and did, differ about the prudence of the March 2003 invasion. My considered judgment remains that the allied action satisfied the conditions of a just war."

In support of his conclusion, Weigel points out that "the allied coalition that invaded Iraq had multiple goals: to depose a murderous regime, thereby ridding the world of a serious threat to international security; to empower the people of Iraq through a democratic process; and to create a new political model for the Arab-Islamic world."

Unfortunately, in his article Weigel failed to note an important point: To achieve those political goals, U.S. military forces had to kill Iraqi people

- in fact, large numbers of Iraqi people — people whose government never attacked the United States. The estimates of the number of Iraqi dead range from a "low" of 30,000, provided by President Bush, to a high of 650,000, provided by researchers at Johns Hopkins University.

In arriving at his conclusion

that the war on Iraq was warranted, Weigel is implicitly claiming that it is morally justifiable for U.S. soldiers, including Catholics, to kill Iraqi people (none of whom had anything to do with the 9/11 attacks) in order to achieve regime change in Iraq.

It would be difficult to find a more morally and ethically abominable and perverted view of human life than that. What Weigel is saying is that when measured against regime change in Iraq, the life of an Iraqi citizen — or the lives of thousands of Iraqis — is of only secondary importance.

One wonders whether there is even an upper limit to the number of Iraqi deaths that would cause Weigel to conclude that the Iraq War wasn't warranted after all - or whether his opinion on the war would be different if the number of American deaths matched the number of Iraqi deaths.

Weigel's position brings to mind the infamous response by former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Madeleine Albright, who was asked by 60 Minutes

whether the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children from the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq had been worth it. She responded, "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price - we think the price is worth it."

Why shouldn't the issue of regime change have been left to the Iraqis, just as it was left to Eastern Europeans after U.S. officials delivered them into the clutches of the Soviet communists at the end of World War II? Under what moral or ethical authority does one nation impose involuntary regime change on another nation, especially when it will entail innocent people's deaths in' the process?

As the reality of the continuing carnage in Iraq becomes more vivid in the minds and consciences of the American people, Americans would be wise to reflect not on whether regime change in Iraq has been "successful," but instead on the following two princi-

ples: 1) It is morally and ethically

See IRAQ, page 10A

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

All aboard the Polar Express!



he best toy train deal of the Christmas season, or any time in recent years, is Lionel's Polar Express.

The set was a steal at 2004. It still is, even at the current list price of \$289.99.

The set is headed by an O-27

locomotive numbered 1225 (as small layout. in December 25) with an operating headlight. The locomotive has a slotted cowcatcher with real slots, not molded-in detail.

Three lighted Madison-style passenger cars follow, complete with passenger silhouettes in windows. An observation car with a rounded rear platform, as in "The Polar Express" book and movie, brings up the rear.

The locomotive, tender and \$249.99 when introduced in three cars measure more than six feet long.

Lionel added to the set an 80watt transformer and 12 secgauge 2-8-4 Berkshire steam tions of FasTrack forming a

FasTrack is Lionel's premium brand featuring rails atop a plastic roadbed. FasTrack is better looking than traditional track. More importantly for safety-conscious under-the-Christmas-tree railroad tycoons, the roadbed shields locomotive gears from carpet lint while protecting carpets from motives received their nickpossible ignition by electric sparks.

Bought individually, the transformer and track total \$172.97.

Although Lionel doesn't sell the Polar Express engine separately, a similar engine listed in the 2004 catalog was priced at

Express add-on passenger cars for \$59.99 each, bringing the whole set to more than \$430 if

sold separately.

Berkshire steam locomotives on which the Polar Express model is based were introduced in 1925 by Lima Locomotive Works. The loconame by the Boston & Albany railroad, which used them to haul freight over the Berkshire of Hills western Massachusetts.

Other noted Lima products included Shay logging locomotives, streamlined Southern Pacific Daylights

\$199.99. Lionel sells Polar Chesapeake & Ohio Allegheny (named for the Allegheny Mountains) freight engines. An example of the later is displayed at The Henry Ford mu-

seum. It's a few hours drive on

southbound I-75 to the old Lima factory in Lima, Ohio, The company closed a decade ago. The shops are gone, but huge cement foundations remain where some of the best locomotives rolled off the line until the final Berkshire steamed away in 1949.

It's a shorter drive up Harper in St. Clair Shores to a hobby shop selling the Polar Express set for less than \$210. I bought

one last year as a gift. I'm thinking of getting one this year for myself. You get what you give.

The Polar Express engine is a good puller. I saw one recently speeding around a large layout hauling five O-scale pas-

Volunteers at The Henry* Ford generally add a Polar Express to the many trains operating on their holiday layout.

senger cars.

The actual steam locomotive on which Hollywood filmmakers based "The Polar Express" film version is owned by the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso and used for tourist excursions.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is the best thing about Christmas?

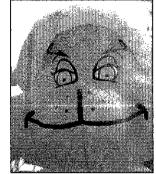
If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail to editor@ grossepointenews.com



'Everything about Christmas is wonderful and I love being Santa's helper! We pass out toys to all the girls and boys!' CHRISTMAS CAROL Santa's Workshop, North Pole



'I am a jolly happy soul and Christmastime is when I magically come alive.' **FROSTY** North Pole



'The best thing is that I get presents now and I don't have to sneak them from the Whos in Who-ville.' THE GRINCH Who-ville, USA



'Christmas is when I turn into a Prince, go to the land of sweets and see the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.' THE NUTCRACKER Stahlbaum House, France



'Ho, ho, ho. This is my favorite holiday. My eight reindeer and I visit all the children, eat cookies and milk and leave presents under the tree.' SANTA CLAUS North Pole



'Christmas is when my nose so bright helps to guide Santa's sleigh at night!' RUDOLPH, THE RED NOSED REINDEER Christmastown

FYI By Ben Burns

An eagle soars over Arlington Cemetery



bald eagle soared over Arlington National Cemetery last Friday afternoon as Lt. Col. Joseph "Trane" McCloud was laid to rest a day after what would have

been his 40th birthday. "He was the love of my life," his wife, Maggie McCloud, told Washington Post reporter Leef Smith. "I'm so devastated that my children are not going to grow up with him, because he was a man of character and

honor." McCloud had been promoted from major Thursday evening during ceremonies at an Alexandria, Va. funeral home. Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter performed the honor for McCloud, who died in a helicopter crash in Anbar Province of Iraq on Dec. 3. He is one of nearly 2,900 U.S. servicemen who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

The casket on a flag-draped caisson was pulled by six

Marines — with the sixth having boots reversed and an empty saddle. The Marine Corps Band played a slow, mournful version of the Marine Corps Hymn, according to the Washington Post.

Here are some excerpted observations from the services by his high school buddy Terry Ayrault, of Grosse Pointe Park:

"Full burial honors included a full Marine band, bagpipes, presentation of the flag to his survivor by a general of the U.S. Marine Corps and a 21gun salute in Trane's honor," Ayrault reported in an e-mail.

"The procession consisted



Lt. Col. Joseph "Trane"





A horse-drawn funeral bier and Marines transported flagdraped coffin of Lt. Col. Joseph Trane McCloud, the first know Grosse Pointe soldier killed in Iraq.



friends, family and military personnel from all of the four branches. It was extremely crowded," Ayrault wrote.

"He was a hero to many of the Marines who have succeeded under his tutelage... All of them uttered the same sentiments. ... He was a great leader ... who led by example, a man who embodied the spirit of the Marine Corps. ... All while being a loving father and husband and a devoted friend. "...It was quite moving to hear that he had done so many extraordinary things and had affected so many lives in his military service. He was a highly decorated soldier who made a difference to many others. It's humbling to realize we have all known such a great person. I hope you all have fond memories of Trane and will keep his family in your thoughts and prayers always. He will be sorely missed.

"During the ceremony, as if on cue, a bald eagle flew overhead. It was a coincidence that seemed to make perfect sense."

A local memorial service for McCloud, an '85 graduate of Grosse Pointe South, was scheduled at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Tuesday.

Home front

Meanwhile, the 23 students in the fourth- and fifth-grade split class of Ann Passino at Ferry Elementary School were shopping for Christmas gifts for a needy local family. The class project started six weeks ago with the thought that the students would do extra jobs at home to earn the money for the gifts, that they would keep an accurate accounting of the amount brought in and that they would stay within their budget when they got to Meijer to select the gifts.

Passino, who has taught at Ferry for seven years, said the brains behind the exercise was room mother Dawn Kain.

The students voted on what to call their lesson in budgeting, work ethic and service to an unknown family. Passino's Project lost out to Joe's Jobs when the votes were tabulated. When the job jar funds were finally counted, the group had raised \$200.



Ferry Elementary students raised money, budgeted and bought and wrapped gifts for a less tunate family.

The students on the shopping trip found the project tougher than they thought it would be because they really didn't know the recipients of their work or what the children in the family would like, and they wanted to get as much bang for their bucks as they could.

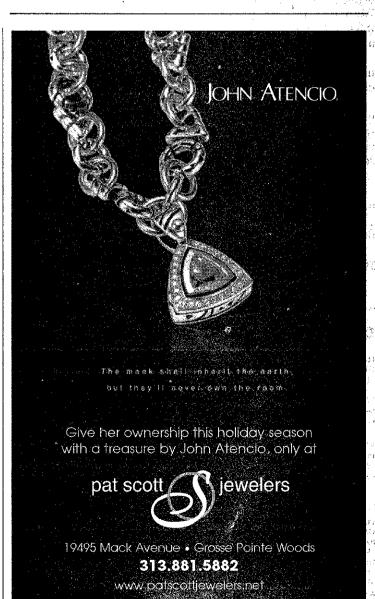
Kain quickly pointed out: "We didn't do this to get our names in the paper. We wanted to teach the students the art of giving back."

And that apparently worked. Kain's son, Matthew, reported afterward that Friday was the best day in school, ever. "We did a really good deed today," he said. If you would like to donate

gently used items or clothing to the family, you may contact Ferry parent Alison Lorkowski at (313) 215-1127.

And so it goes in this Christmas season 2006. A fallen hero, father of three small children, is laid to rest and 23 9- and 10-year-old members of the next generation learn a lesson of love for their fellow

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He may be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313)



GUEST OPINION By Lee H. Hamilton

Now or never for ethics reform

he voters offered Congress an unparalleled opportunity on Election Day. Let us hope our legislators have the wisdom to seize

I'm talking, of course, about ethics reform. The upcoming session of Congress may be our best chance in a generation to enact meaningful reforms governing how Congress runs and polices itself.

Acting quickly, early in 2007. is crucial not only for addressing the problems that arose on Capitol Hill over the past several years, but also for restoring public confidence in a vital, but badly stained, American institution. Voters were clearly and unequivocally in the mood for reform in November and impatient with excuses for not moving ahead with it. There is no doubt in my mind they will be watching carefully to see what happens in January.

The signals coming from the

incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, have been quite positive. She has said that the 110th Congress will be "the most honest, most open, and most ethical Congress in history," and the new House majority is already moving to put together a package of reforms. Republican leaders also seem supportive of efforts to prevent abuses of office.

So this is a hopeful moment — but it is only that. The hard work will come when Congress convenes and focuses on the details of changing fine words into deeds.

Some of what Congress needs to do is obvious. Banning all gifts, meals, and travel paid for by lobbyists is a key first step. So, too, are: requiring complete and readily accessible disclosure of lobbyist contacts with members of Congress; finding ways to restrict the access to sitting members by former members of Congress who have become

lobbyists; and tightening up on ways members enrich them-

atmosphere that once pre-

Somewhat less obvious, but no less important, Congress should also own up to its own bad habits. The new majority has already indicated that socalled "earmarks" are off the table for the remainder of the fiscal year, but it also needs to act for the long term by requiring disclosure of who is responsible for each earmark that lards future budgets.

cause there are some earmarks – a bridge, a new post office, a badly needed highway interchange — that members are more than happy to be associated with back home. But there are other earmarks -- most notably, appropriations aimed at funneling federal money to this contractor or that contributor - that their sponsors would prefer to remain cloaked. So talk of requiring full disclosure of "district-oriented earmarks" misses the point; it's those darker payments to interests that may not be located in a member's district that need the full light of day and thorough

Finally, I am heartened to see that the notion of an independent Office of Public Integrity, separate from the congressional ethics committee, is at last getting serious consideration by House members and senators on both sides of the aisle.

slap-on-the-wrist approach taken by the House ethics com mittee toward members who knew early on about former Rep. Mark Foley's behavior toward House pages is a classic illustration of how hard it is for Congress to enforce its own ethics code. Even though an independent office could at best make recommendations for enforcement to the ethics committees, its words would carry great weight and ensure that, at a minimum, the American public would have a trustworthy yardstick by which to judge the actions - or inactions - of its representatives.

The truth is, it takes two independent forces acting at once to keep congressional ethics on the front burner, both legislatively and in legislators'

One is pressure from the voters, and with 42 percent having reported in exit polls Nov. 7 that corruption and scandals in government were extremely important in how they voted last month, public pressure is a key influence at the moment.

The other is a clear message from the bipartisan leadership of the House and Senate that this is important, and that they expect and will enforce the highest standards of conduct in Congress.

As long as members of Congress live up to what the American people expect and deserve, we have a good chance of regaining an institution that makes us proud.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

SHOTS: This is a serious matter

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ents and have not come up with any suspects.

"We have sent this to Crime Stoppers, hoping that one of these kids will give an anonymous tip as to who the person was who fired the shots into the air," Koerber said. "Our witness said the weapon was fired straight up in the air and not at anyone or anything. We know this is a serious matter and we will solve this as soon as possi-

Detectives gathered several bullet casings at the scene, which were sent to Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis.

Makowski also reported the young man who fired the weapon and the other people in the car are not Grosse Pointe North students.

"We will proceed very aggressively to resolve this incident," Koerber said.

Grosse Pointe Woods **Building Inspector Gene Tutag** said the rental property on Hollywood is occupied by one adult and three minors.

"Our ordinance is working," Tutag said.

"I'm impressed with the response time of one minute of the Woods public safety department and of two minutes response time of the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety offi-

cers who gave assistance," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said.

Residents were able to give their viewpoints to councilmembers and city officials.

If anyone has information concerning the incident can make an anonymous call to the national Crime Stoppers number at (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587).

The history of Crime Stoppers began in 1976 when a young student working parttime at a petrol station in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was shot dead during an armed robbery.

The investigating officer believed a member of the local community had committed the crime and that another local knew the identity of the killer, but was unwilling to come forward and talk to police.

The officer set up a telephone hotline so that anyone with information about the murder could make an anonymous call to the detective. If the information resulted in an arrest, the caller would receive a reward.

As a result of intelligence received by Crime Stoppers between 1989 and February 2006, 3.428 people have been arrested with more than 10,400 charges laid against them. More than \$8.6 million worth of stolen property and \$79 million worth of drugs have been seized. In addition, 34 homicides, 154 assaults, 235 armed robberies and 783 fraud cases have been solved as a direct result of information given to Crime Stoppers, according to its Web site.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following variances and/or site plan reviews: 73 Kercheval.

Plans are available at City Hall for review. Written comments will be accepted till noon, on the Friday before the hearing, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

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Matthew Tepper, City Clerk

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selves while in office. Simply put, the freewheeling

vailed on Capitol Hill — at least until the Jack Abramoff scandal dampened the fun - needs to become a thing of the past.

This is a slippery issue, be-

vetting.

This is a key reform. The

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Hillage of Grosse Pointe Shores

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 before the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider the following requests:

- The petitioner/property owner at 22 Oxford Road wishes to split his property into two separate, buildable lots. In addition, a variance is required for width to depth ratio of the resulting lots.
- The petitioner/property owner of 693 Lake Shore Road is requesting a variance to allow placement of a generator at the (south) side of the property.

Plans for the above projects are available for review at the GPS Municipal Building (2nd floor) during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Surrounding property owners may submit their written/oral comments at the hearing or prior to that time.

Victoria J. Boyce,

Village Clerk

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 2006

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except council member Daniel S.

To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held

November 20, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of

To receive and file the Management's Response to Auditors' Comments and

Recommendations associated with the December 31, 2005 Financial Statements

as prepared and submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director.

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the

To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 78943 through 79056 in the amount of

\$565,546.50 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further,

authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$5,224.00 for professional services during the month of October 2006 for the following projects: 2006

Concrete Pavement Repair program, #180-092; 2006 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing project, #180-094 and the Target/Eastland Mall project, #180-097. (3)

Approve payment to Bob Schomer Tree Service in the amount of \$8,060.00 for

trimming 147 trees in conjunction with the ongoing tree trimming project, and for

To approve payment to Car-Bee, Inc. in the amount of \$16,440.15 for the repairs

Trustees Retirement System meeting held on November 27, 2006.

DECK: Signed lease still lacking

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ture has been increased to 16 feet.

The proposed structure will sit 19 feet from Notre Dame and 35 feet from St. Clair.

Another revision is that the first level will house 90 flat level spaces, which is fewer than re-To move the city needs the developer's ticket booth in the garage. OK, which Peter Dame, city obstacle.

"We don't anticipate a problem," he said.

Total capacity will be 220 vehicles.

Level parking is needed to accommodate a specialty grocer, which is now believed to be Trader Joe's East, in the rear of the building.

The first level will feature 90degree parking stalls that are nine feet wide. Parallel parking is more efficient, for a samesize garage with angle parking would reduce the number of

Mickey D. Todd,

City Clerk

stalls. The internal parking ramp will also allow for a few spaces, but be on a slope.

Traffic flow was another concern. The original design called for either one- or two-way traffic, but the council concluded that two-way traffic was best for "optimum" traffic flow.

The parking structure will be automated, with customers taking a ticket upon entrance. When they are finished shopping, they will have the ticket processed in an automated pay station in the lobby of Kercheval Place and deposit quired by the developer, the paid ticket when exiting the Grosse Pointe St. Clair garage. This eliminates the need for an employee-staffed

Design and construction is manager, does not see as an being managed by Rich & Associates, an architectural firm specializing in the construction of parking garages. Precast building materials will allow on-site construction staging, which will limit traffic disruptions on St. Clair and Notre Dame.

Security measures will include video surveillance and call alarm boxes for shoppers.

Aesthetics have not been overlooked with plans for precast panels inlaid with brick on the street sides, and decorative landscaping along the street edge. The exterior appearance will be detailed in the final plan, now slated to be submitted in January.

There was also talk over whether to construct a threelevel garage, but budgetary constraints will only allow the city to build a two-story garage at the present time.

The city will not commence with construction until it has an executed lease agreement with a specialty grocer. Dame hopes to have a commitment from Trader Joe's East in the very near future. Once an agreement is reached, construction can begin as early as February.

IRAQ: Lives fair price for change?

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wrong to invade and occupy countries that have not attacked the United States; and :-2) It is morally and ethically wrong for one nation to subordinate human life to the achievement of regime change; in another nation.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Virginia.

made to the Powermaster Steam boiler that provides heat to City Hall and due to the need to make these emergency repairs that competitive bidding be waived. To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

the removal of diseased Ash trees.

Kenneth A. Poynter,

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BUSINESS



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

A new location

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society moved its office from Chalfonte to 18519 Mack. The move became official during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 5. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director, James Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor, Muriel Brock and her newly adopted dog Lucy, Corinne Martin, Adoption Society president, Lynn Carpenter, Adoption Society vice president, and Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

Builder seminars set for Jan. 12, 17

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The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Association of Home Builders Michigan (BIA) will present an will provide an outlook for the executive image seminar residential construction indus-"Selling at the 2007 BIA try for the entire United States Builders and Remodelers and the southeastern Michigan Trade Show" from 9 to 11 a.m. region. Friday, Jan. 12, at its headquarters, 30375 Northwestern ic forecast event, including Highway, Suite 100, lunch, is \$40 for BIA and Farmington Hills.

The seminar, presented by the Executive Image Group, will cover how to qualify leads based on a conversation; how to motivate yourself after the show; understanding the life cycle of a lead; and how to get the lead to contact you after the

Registration fees are \$45 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

The BIA will also host its annual economic forecast for 2007 from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights.

City of Grosse Hointe Hark, Michigan NOTICE OF FINAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing has taken place before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for Public Comments and approval of the use of Federal Community Block Grant funding for the following projects:

Announcing the City's approved objectives and use of Federal Community Block Grant funds, subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed.

•	Street Enhancement	\$:
	Sanitary repair separation	\$4:

Services for Older Citizens

 Minor Home Repair Case Coordination

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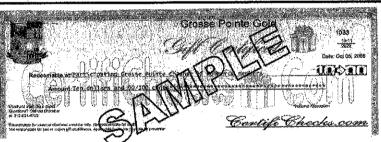
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MURIEL D. HUGHES was appointed judge of the 3rd Circuit Court by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, serving Wayne County.

Hughes has been practicing law for more than 22 years with the firm of Hughes & Hughes PC, a general practice specializing in family law, real estate and probate. Among her many accomplishments, Hughes has served as Wayne County public administrator since 1987. In addition to

being a mediator for the **Mediation Tribunal** Association 3rd Judicial Circuit, she has served as a case evaluator for the Wayne County Circuit Court. She has also been an active, licensed real estate broker for 20 years. She is a current board member and past president of the Wayne County Probate Bar Association. She attended St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, graduating with a degree in business administration, economics and philosophy. She earned her law degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1983. Hughes resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband Robert Schneider and their two children.

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20-21A AUTOS 13-15A SCHOOLS **17A** OBITUARIES

Squirrels find a best friend at Richard

By Brad Lindberg Staff writer

Squirrels living near Richard Elementary School are lucky first-grader Jay Cooper tends to window gaze.

Cooper, 6, rose from his desk to hand in homework a few days after Halloween when he looked out his first-floor classroom window to see squirrels jaywalking across the 100 block of McKinley to scavenge pumpkins from residential trash cans.

Cooper had seen the consequences of squirrels encountering cars and wanted to prevent further tragedy.

"I like squirrels," Cooper said. "They're interesting. My old neighbor used to feed made Plexiglas sign featuring squirrels.'

'Worried, he came to me and explained that there were a lot of pumpkins in the trash and that several squirrels were crossing the street to get to them," said his teacher, Holly Bendure. "He was concerned that they would get hurt, or worse yet, killed crossing the street."

Cooper wanted Richard's head engineer, Jack Travis, to post a "squirrel crossing" sign on McKinley near where motorists line up to drop off and pick up students.

Bendure, whose teaching method includes linking inclass learning with real-world experiences, put her philosophy in motion.

"I told him it was a great idea," she said.

Principal Mary MacDonald-

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Barrett saw an additional learning opportunity.

"I told Jay he'd better put his idea in writing because that's how we get things done in the world," Barrett said.

Bendure said, "Though constructing an entire letter is a lengthy, time-consuming task for a first-grader, Cooper eagerly came back asking for help in writing the letter."

Travis jumped on board.

"Children always come up with ideas for things to be done," said Travis, in his 25th year at Richard. "I figure, why not? When they request something, it's important that it be looked at to see if it's possible."

A few days later, Cooper helped Travis bolt a customthe silhouette of a squirrel and the word "Crossing" below a Parking" "No sign McKinley.

"Jay was excited and empowered," said Bendure, reinforcing the connection between learning and life skills. "He had made a difference. It's like government, too. When people have opinions and feelings, they write and work to make change."

"We have a very caring community at McKinley and are aware of people and, apparently, animals in need," Barrett

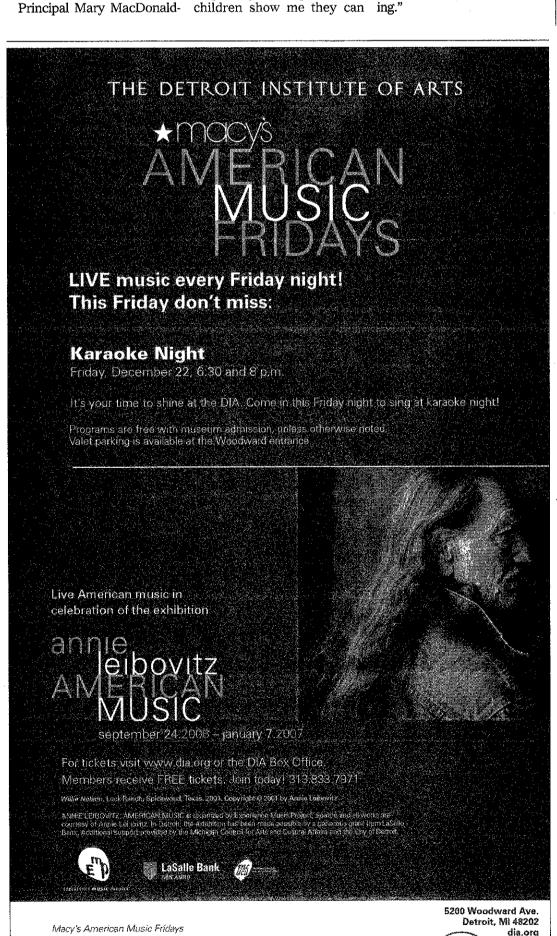
Bendure has taught at Richard for seven years.

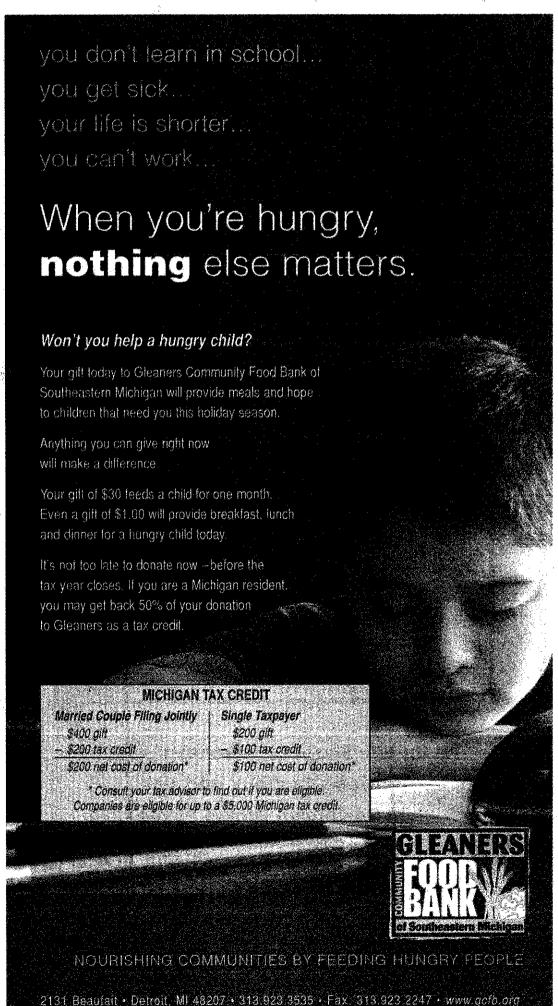
"Teaching is more rewarding than I ever could have imag-Bendure said. "Especially in first grade when



Squirrels crossing McKinley in front of Richard Elementary School have friends in Jay Cooper, a first grader, and Jack Travis, Richard's head engineer.

read a story or write a word. It's them being proud of learn-





SCHOOLS



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in Greening of Detroit are available beginning at \$25. To learn more, visit greeningoldetroit.com. Eliisa Bojanic, Mick Ryder, Olivia Franklin, Michelle Marais, Natalie Rhodes, Christian Gouin-Davis ('09) and Albom. Memberships author stopped by during a break in covering the World Series. Shown from left are members of the class of '08 Kelsey Stanton, community has lost about 200 diseased ash. Helping Pointe students plant trees was Mitch Alborn. The sportswriter and best-selling more than 500,000 American elms trees to Dutch elm disease and thousands of ash trees to emerald ash borer. The North Rosedale Greening have planted a total of 40,000 trees. Once known as "The City of Trees" and "The Paris of the Midwest," Detroit has lost 1989, is to improve the quality of life in Detroit through reforestation of it's neighborhoods, boulevards and parks. Volunteers at a cold and wet Saturday, Oct. 8, to beautify the North Rosedale neighborhood. The goal of Greening of Detroit charity, founded in Grosse Pointe highschoolers joined an estimated 250 volunteers to plant trees on behalf of Greening of Detroit. Students worked on

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Staff Writer

By Brad Lindberg

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Fenton, assistant superinten-

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said board President Brendan

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Contractors have been mak-



Needs two front teeth

Sydney Murray, left, in first grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, says she'll ask Santa for her two front teeth for Christmas. The Grosse Pointe Shores resident and her "big sister," Micaela Liddane, an eighth-grader from Grosse Pointe Woods, joined other Star eighth and first grade students making gingerbread houses.

Kindergarten tuition to go up

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Tuition for the district's allday kindergarten is sure to go up next fall. The question is by how much.

A proposal to raise rates by aside this week by members of the Grosse Pointe school board. If the proposal had been enacted, tuition would have age risen to at least \$3,200 from the current level of \$3,100.

Because the proposal was have jumped to \$3,600.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs, said the present rate was established last year based on enrollment of 90 students.

Facing higher operating costs this year and maneuvering to stave off a deficit, Fenton revised the formula. He introduced a graduated system in which per-pupil tuition would go down as enrollment went

up.
"This is the first time we've done a tiered system," he said.

Board members sent back the proposal, saying a formula based on enrollment contained

too many uncertainties.

at least \$100 to \$500 was put determined by the board of education

He proposed a minimum tubased on variables that won't ition of \$3,200 if enrollment be known until the start of the ranged from 86 to 90 students. next school year, tuition could If enrollment ranged from 81 76 to 80 students.

> "Tuition fees are used to pay the costs of classroom salaries (and) lights."

a profit center.

would keep the program out of the red, "but it won't help us significantly in the black.

Tom Harwood, director of special education, successfully suggested instituting a flat tuition with the possibility of a refund next fall when enrollment is set. The fee and refund schedules are expected to be

The district's four kindergarten classes typically averabout 21 students. Enrollment this year is 79, Fenton said.

to 85, tuition could have cost \$3,400. Proposed rates topped out at \$3,500 for enrollment of

and benefits, and extra supplies for the additional half-day the children are in school," said Fenton. "This does not include any indirect costs such as heat

Despite cost worries, he said kindergarten isn't intended as

Fenton said a tuition increase

Bonds refinanced

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

That jingling sound coming from school headquarters isn't Santa Claus. It's \$1.8 million heading back to district taxpay-

Grosse Pointe school officials will save the money by refinancing the 2002, \$63 million bond issue.

A unanimous school board set the process in motion.

"Refinancing outstanding bonds could result in approximate savings of \$1.8 million or 4 percent of the value of bonds refunded," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs. "It's pretty attractive.

"It reduces taxes by 1.8 eral government.

mills," Fenton said.

His analysis assumes new bonds would be issued at par value rather than at a premium.

To capitalize on market conditions, board members this week authorized administrators to appoint a senior managing underwriter to buy the bonds and negotiate a purchase agreement.

Fenton expects interest rates on \$61 million worth of 25year-bonds to drop to 4.27 percent for 20 years compared with the present rate of 4.79 percent for 25 years.

Proceeds from the transaction will pay expenses. The balance is to be put in escrow or invested in obligations guaranteed unconditionally by the fed-

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whatever it takes to save near-frozen amount of fund-"about" \$1 million in the 2007-08 budget. ing from the state next year," said Fred Minturn, board trea-"That's nothing anybody surer. "We have economic relishes doing, but it is coming to grips with the reality of how challenges in the range of \$4

million to \$5 million next the state of Michigan funds public schools in the midst of Districts throughout the a sagging economy," Walsh state are replacing employees said. "We have to be clinical in our approach to budgeting." Non-personnel cost-saving More than one-third of Michigan schools systems options appear to be dwin-

> "It's difficult to discuss pride in a process that will end with decisions that aren't going to be pleasant for some people," he said. "We can guarantee it."

Walsh wants to keep options open and evaluate alternatives ed savings resulting from privatization," the report said. before cutting staff.

"We need to make sure that whatever other opportunity isn't less desirable than this one," he said. "This whole process is going to be about tradeoffs.'



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City of Grosse Pointe

Really mad

Police arrested a 34-year-old police chase that led officers at high speeds down Mack at 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Police first observed the vehicle at Mack near Fisher driving at speeds nearing 70 mph. Police gave chase on Mack and observed the suspect running red lights at Warren, Moross and Vernier. Police were able to finally stop the vehicle near Vernier when it took off again. It finally was brought to a stop after turning into an alley off Allard, where it struck a wall.

The suspect was ordered out of the vehicle, and had to be forcibly taken to the pavement after refusing to comply with police demands. Police also observed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the suspect's facial area. When asked at the scene why he acted the way he did, the suspect admitted that he was drunk and very

Because of the circumstances, the suspect was arrested and taken to the police station for standard sobriety tests, which he failed. The suspect then refused to take a breath

He was arrested for reckless driving and failure to take a breath test.

Stick up

Two Detroit youths, a 16year-old and 17-year-old, were arrested for a holdup at Kercheval and Lakeland at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11.

Police said the victims reported that the two youths had stopped them and demanded a cell phone and an iPod music

on bikes toward Detroit on University until they were located by police near Mack. The bikes and took off on foot.

One suspect was followed to Clinton Township man after a a house in the 3000 block of Neff, which he entered. He was found hiding in the back room arrested after a LEIN check rewhere he was arrested. A items, a plastic firearm and a screwdriver.

> The other suspect was arrested after he was found hiding behind a home in the 3000 block of Woodhall in Detroit.

— John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen SUV found

Police arrested a 15-year-old Detroit youth and recovered a stolen Cadillac Escalade parked in the back of a home in the 5000 block of Holcomb. in Detroit after it was reported stolen from a gas station on Mack and Moross at 5:50 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Police said the victim had left the vehicle running when he went into the gas station for a cup of coffee. The vehicle was tracked by OnStar and was found in the rear of the abandoned house. The youth was arrested and transported to the police station.

Don't drive

Police detained a 47-year-old Warren man following a traffic stop at Moross and Chalfonte at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

Police stopped the vehicle for driving with a broken headlight and a LEIN check revealed the man was driving on a suspended license.

The man was advised not to operate a motor vehicle and player. The suspects then fled was released at the scene.

Buckle up

An 18-year-old Detroit man was arrested after a traffic stop suspects then jumped off their at Mack and Radnor at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing the driver operating without a seat belt. He was vealed he was wanted on a search revealed the two stolen warrant out of Detroit. He was also cited for driving with an improper license plate and having no proof of insurance.

> A passenger in the vehicle was also cited for not wearing a seat belt seat belt and was released at the scene.

> > John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

On Sunday, Dec. 17, between 12:15 and 8:45 a.m., an unknown person stole four chrome wheel rims from a 2007 Cadillac CRV parked in the driveway of a home in the 800 block of Barrington.

Stolen item

Between Friday, Dec. 15, and Sunday, Dec. 17, a Toro CCR 2450 GTS snow blower was stolen from the unlocked garage of a home in the 500 block of Barrington.

Voyager stolen

Between Thursday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 17, a 1998 Plymouth Voyager was stolen from the street in front of a home in the 1200 block of Bishop.

The vehicle was locked.

Busted

On Dec. 17, at 1:58 p.m., police officers responded to a report of two suspects walking

through the rear yards of sevhomes in Vernor/Bedford area.

The two were located and found to be in possession of burglary tools. A Detroit juvenile was detained and a 17year-old Detroit man was arrested.

Arrested

On Friday, Dec. 15, at 1:31 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park detectives and U.S. postal inspectors executed a search warrant of a home in the 16000 block of Mack and recovered a package containing 13 pounds of suspected marijuana.

37-year-old Shelby Township man was arrested.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Squad car struck

A Grosse Pointe Shores squad car was struck in the rear bumper while stopped in the median at Woodland and Lakeshore at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Police said the driver was pulled over and admitted she wasn't paying attention when she hit the squad car. The driver was issued a citation in violation of the graduated driver license restriction level I for not having a passenger over 21 years of age. The passenger in the car was 20 years old.

Both vehicles were photographed at the station, and the driver was released after being issued the citation.

Blinded by the light

Police issued an ordinance violation for excessive lighting to homeowners on Oxford after sunset on Friday, Dec. 15. Police were alerted to the vi-

by neighbors on Renaud who claimed the lights in the back yard of the home were too bright. Police advised the complainants that they would return that night to observe the lights.

The homeowners told police they would dim the lights and police issued them the citation.

Warrant stop

Police detained a 48-year-old Ferndale woman following a traffic stop for speeding at Lakeshore and Renaud at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

A LEIN check revealed the woman was wanted on several misdemeanor warrants. She was also cited for driving without the vehicle's registration.

The woman was advised of the warrants and released at the scene.

Quite a display

Police arrested a 28-year-old Royal Oak man after a traffic stop on Lakeshore near Sunnydale at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Police stopped the vehicle after it was observed driving erratically. When asked the reason, the suspect explained that he and the passenger were looking at Christmas light displays.

A LEIN check revealed that the man was driving on a suspended license. He was transported to the police station, where he posted bond and was released. The vehicle was released to the licensed passenger in the car.

John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Loud party

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 12:15 a.m., police officers responded to a loud party at a home in the 1700 block of Broadstone.

When the officers arrived,

olation at 10:15 a.m. that day they noticed alcohol was being served. After investigating the scene, it was noted that more than two dozen individuals were under 21 and were issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption.

The party host, a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, might be issued further citations for hosting an open house party.

Eluding police

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, at in 3:08 a.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was found trying to conceal himself from a police officer who walked up to his black 1989 Ford Mustang parked on the shoulder of anAntwerp.

When the police officer approached the car, the driver got up, starting the vehicle and sped away.

The officer gave chase, but the car was able to elude the officer long enough for the driver to vacate the vehicle, which was seen in a driveway of a home in the 2000 block of a

VanAntwerp. The officer went to the driver's home and the driver's father confirmed the man in the car was his son.

The officer saw the man run out a back door but he could not be found. The police officer asked the father to give the Woods public safety department a call when his son returned home.

Stolen truck

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:45 p.m., a 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 21400 block of Morningside reported his red 2005 Dodge Dakota was stolen from his garage. The man told police he started his truck and ran into the house to get something he forget.

When he returned in less, than one minute, the Dakota was gone.

--- Bob St. John

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan **SUMMARY OF MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2006**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leonard and Waldmeir. Those Absent Were: None.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Roby, Joseph, Davis III, Theros,

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 13, 2006, were approved as submitted. The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearings held on August 14, 2006 and September 11, 2006; granted the request for variance for 35 Beverly Road.

The Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year June 30, 2006, and ordered it placed on file.

The Council approved the S-2 Grant Application Sewer Survey Grant, as submitted.

The Council approved the Community Development Block Grant Annual Allocation 2007 Programming & 2006 Re-Programming Request, as submitted.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda: Proposed Schedule of Council Meetings for Calendar Year 2007, as follows:

January 8 January 22* February 5 March 5 March 19* April 2 May 21* June 4 June 18* July 9 August 13 September 10 October 1 October 22* November 12 December 10

- Indicates Work Session or additional Council Meeting, as needed, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Resolution to hold Charitable Event's Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club Inc.
- Approve banners at Grosse Pointe South High School
- Scheduled Public Hearing date for Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the proposed Amendment to Retirement Systems Ordinance.
- Scheduled Public Hearing date for Monday, January $8,\,2007$ at 7:00 p.m. to consider the proposed changes to Sewer Ordinance.

The Council approved the 2007 Harbor Rules & Regulations Policy.

The Council received the Public Safety Report for October 2006 and ordered it placed on

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar, Mayor

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Matthew J. Tepper, City Clerk



OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

C. Maureen DuFour

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident C. Maureen DuFour, 88, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, surrounded by her family at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. DuFour was the former director of Volunteer Services at Bon Secours Hospital where she worked from 1971 to 1988.

She was born July 30, 1918, in Bay City, to Daniel and Celia Cody. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1936 during the Great Depression and married her high school sweetheart, George DuFour.

During World War II, she began raising a family so large it would require three gallons of milk, three loaves of bread, a dozen eggs and six loads of laundry daily to, in her words, "keep up." Her daughter, Mary Margaret remembers that her mother baked and frosted a cake daily for dessert each night, although, with so many people to feed, it never lasted beyond one meal.

Despite the demands of her large family, Mrs. DuFour was a gifted artist who found time to produce numerous beautiful oil paintings, as well as to wallpaper, refinish furniture, and volunteer at her children's schools and church.

Deeply spiritual and a devout Catholic, her faith sustained her through the loss of two children and inspired her to write numerous "special letters" to her children and grandchildren passing along her philosophy on life.

When she lost her 20-yearold son, Mark, in an automobile accident in 1970, she returned to the work force after a 30-year hiatus. Hired at Bon Secours Hospital in accounts receivable, she quickly became respected for her kind personality, excellent work ethic and positive attitude. She was soon asked to become the first direc-

tor of Volunteer Services for her children by her side, at Bon Secours and built the de- Angela Hospice Care Center, in partment into one of the largest volunteer corps in Michigan. She was also elected to the office of president of the Michigan Association of Directors of Volunteer Services. Her outstanding works at the hospital led to her being named a Pointer of Interest by the Grosse Pointe News in 1974.

In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, reading, golfing and playing tennis.h

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, George DuFour; sons, Richard (Vicki), Randy, Patrick, Tom (Terry), Jim (Ruba) and George (Beth); daughters, Penny (Marty) Bergeson, Mary Margaret (Brian) Morrow and Renee (Robert) Greening; grandchildren, Lisa, Laurie, Daniel, Lynn, Lee, Laura, Joanna, Jack, Paul, Anna, Renee, Nicholas, Chelsea, Jackie, Mark, Charlotte, David, Alexander, Connor, Erin, Madeline, Alexandra, Rory and Claire; great-grandchildren, Ana, Amy, Angela, Andrea, Victor, Anthony, Thomas and Kienen; greatgreat-grandchild, Isabella; and sister, Colleen Holloway.

She was predeceased by her sons, Mark and Michael DuFour; sister, Eileen Cody; and brothers, Joe, Jack and Larry Cody.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cecelia Reyes Ellis

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Cecelia Reyes Ellis, 84, of Plymouth, died

Livonia. She was born Jan. 20, 1922, in Detroit, to Habib and Mary Reyes, and was one of 11 children in her family. She graduated from St. Catherine's High School.

She married Albert Ellis in 1948 and moved in 1961 to Grosse Pointe Woods. Mrs. Ellis worked for several years as a store manager for the Awrey Bakery Co. After her first child was born, she became a full-time homemaker. devoting her life to her children and family. Her children and grandchildren were her number one priority in life.

When Mr. Ellis was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at age 38, Mrs. Ellis valiantly maintained normalcy for her young children as they struggled with the challenges the illness presented. Mr. Ellis died in 1976 at the age of 54.

Her daughter, Patricia, wrote, "Mom loved to have fun, and laughter was definitely part of her prescription for

Mrs. Ellis had a creative eye for decorating and could easily improve a room by simply rearranging the furniture. In preparation for Christmas, she would meticulously fill her house with holiday decora-

She especially relished celebrating the holidays and birthdays with family and friends. She enjoyed filling her home with warmth and welcoming everyone.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Andrews. Patricia Ellis Strowger and Sandra Langan; son, Albert J. Ellis; grandchildren. Albert A. Ellis II and Andrew J. Ellis, Christen and Caitlin Andrews. Lauren and Erin Langan, and Ryan and Bradley Strowger; great-grandchildren, Hayley,

Mary Lou Wholihan; and brother, Peter Reyes.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert A. Ellis; sister, 1928, in Highland Park to Caroline Reyes; and brothers, Joseph, Albert and Frederick Reyes.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 16, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, or the Hope Cancer Clinic, c/o Dr. Harmesh Naik, 14555 Levan Rd., Suite 408 E, Livonia, MI 48154.

Mary Elizabeth **Frolund**

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Frolund, 93, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, in Bluffton, S.C.

Lansing and Michigan State University. She lived in Grosse Pointe Shores for 67 years before moving to South Carolina three years ago to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Frolund was a devoted homemaker and mother. She was very active in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church and her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega.

She is survived by her son, Chris Frolund of Franklin, N.C.; daughter, Emily Riepe of Bluffton, S.C.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchil-

She was predeceased by her husband, Nelson C. Frolund. Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, or to the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, 5939 Castle Creek Parkway North, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Charles R. Oakman

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Charles Robert Oakman, 78,

sisters, Elizabeth Reyes and Pointe Farms, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at St. John Senior Community.

He was born March 20, Charles and Mary Oakman. graduating from After Redford Senior High School in Detroit, he attended the University of Michigan for three years, and earned a bachelor's degree with honors in 1950 from Wayne State University where he also took graduate-level courses.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Oakman worked for several major accounting firms, including Ernst and Ernst, and Price Waterhouse, before opening his own office in the 1960s, and working until his final illness.

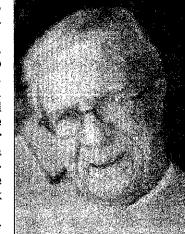
He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity for almost 60 years, the Marine Historical Society for more than 25 years and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for more than 50 years.

A devoted tennis player, Mrs. Frolund was born in Mr. Oakman was captain of attended the City of Detroit championship tennis team in high school and was ranked seventh in the nation when he was named Arizona State Junior Tennis champion in 1945. At age 54, he won the Grosse Pointe Farms Tourney Men's Singles Tennis trophy. His passion for watching tennis, Detroit Tiger baseball and Michigan football games was legendary among his family and friends.

Throughout his life, Mr. Oakman enjoyed vacationing in the Les Cheneaux Islands of Northern Michigan where he met his future wife, Grosse Pointer Marnie Little, at her family's summer home in Cedarville when they were children.

In July of this year, the Oakman's enjoyed a reunion there with other dear friends from their childhood vacation days more than 70 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie "Marnie" (nee Little) Oakman; daughters, Ellen (Richard) Gillette and "Mimi" (Joseph) Mariel Dickinson; grandchildren, Rebecca and Aaron Gillette, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, with Lindsey and Aidan Strowger; a 42-year resident of Grosse and John and William



Charles R. Oakman

Dickinson; and sister, Patricia (Charles) Ashbrook.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, Dec. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Annchen Rousek

Annchen "Ann" Rousek, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006.

She was born Aug. 12, 1933, in Detroit to Charles and Helen Glasgow. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951 and Vassar College in 1955.

Mrs. Rousek had taught elementary school students at the University Liggett School. She was a dedicated homemaker who enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She was actively involved in Detroit Symphony Orchestra volunteer council, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Junior Women's Association for the DSO.

Her other interests included golf, skiing, tennis, art, literature and travel. She is survived by her

daughter, Kimberly (Robert) Whaley; son, Christopher Rousek; and grandchildren, Robert and Jon Whaley.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

New house addition on **Beverly approved**

By John Lundberg Staff writer

As with any historic structure district, as the street of Beverly is in Grosse Pointe Farms, significant architectural modifications are not taken

That's why when Kris and Debbie Minanov of 35 Beverly wanted to construct a new four-bay garage with a master suite on the second floor, they wanted to win their neighbor's approval.

"This is a very narrow street with very little parking," said Michael Gordon, Minanov's agent. "We're trying to be sensitive to the neigh-

"We're not overdeveloping on the property."

Grosse Pointe Farms officials have approved the project and granted a zoning variance allowing a left-side setback of 10 feet. The current ordinance calls for a minimum setback of 15 feet.

The new structure will face the street and was sanctioned by the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission. The proposed architecture is designed to complement the existing house.

The Farms council also re-

Corrections

In last week's article "New Edition of Central Branch Eyed," we incorrectly stated that Fanning Howey and Associates were the architects for the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. It was designed by the firm of David Milling Architects.

It erroneously stated that the youth area would be 40,000 to 45,000 square-feet which would be the size of the entire expanded library. We apologize for the errors.

'We're trying to be sensitive to the neighborhood'

MICHAEL GORDON, The Minanov's agent

quired the garage doors to reflect the charm of the neighborhood, along with the windows, shutters and landscap-

(This project) will not result in variation to the area," said Mayor James Farquhar. "It will result in justice to the area."

Inspection grants for sanitary sewer lines I T.

By John Lundberg

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in state grant monies are available to Pointe communities interested in inspecting their sanitary sewer lines. It's targeted to early detection of decay in sewer lines before they become too corroded.

Last week, the Grosse Pointe Farms city council applied for a grant of \$672,300 to inspect its lakeside sanitary sewer, and the Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees followed suit with a request of \$445,000 at its Dec. 19 meeting.

"This (maintenance grant) is a pretty good deal," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

take advantage of (this program)."

The maintenance grant program is particularly attractive because, if approved, communities only pay 10 percent of the cost of the inspection. That means if the Farms petition is approved, the state will pick up more than \$600,000 of the

In addition, if the inspector finds flaws in a sanitary sewer line, the state will loan the community money for repairs at a low interest rate of 1.6 percent to be paid back in 20 years, Kenyon said.

The loan money is generated from the state's revolving fund. There is one caveat, howev-

"Right now is a good time to er. If a problem is found and the community takes out a loan, the repairs must be made within three years. The grant money is also not applicable to storm sewer lines.

"So you say they (the state inspectors) come back and say you need \$5 million in repairs and our bonding capacity is \$3 million," Kenyon said. "(The interest rate) of the loan is a pretty low rate.'

Kenyon said the Shores grant will go toward inspecting 75 percent of the village's sanitary lines. It is possible the village will approach the state in the future to inspect the remaining 25 percent.



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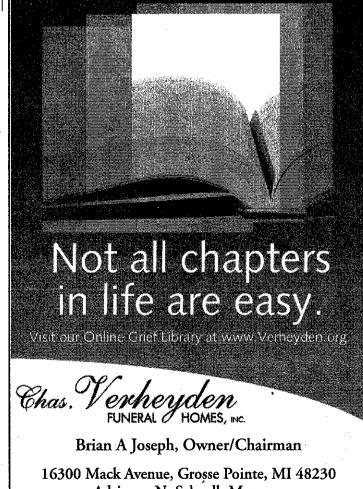
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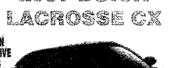
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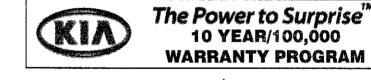


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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The ongoing saga of young Joe



ith holiday parties upon us, and festive travel at its peak, it's time for our yearly column about the dangers of drinking and driving. It's the story of young Joe, a fun loving 21-year-old who is full of life, has lots of friends and is a good person.

Joe could be your neighbor. schoolmate, fellow worker, brother or even your father or husband. He's been having a great time at a hol lay party, joining in on at the 'un. He's overdone the at ig and drinking, something many of us do each year.

Now it's 2 a.m., and time to go home. Joe knows he's had one too many alcoholic beverages, but it doesn't stop him from driving. Thank goodness he's alone.

Joe isn't aware that on this night, he'll become one of the 13.000 drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 who die in car accidents each year. Most (45 percent) die from calamities involving speeding, while 35 percent die from accidents involving other violations. The other 20 percent are killed in mishaps that involve turn signal violations or right of way confrontations.

Joe will join the statistic that involves alcohol related deaths, still well over 17,000 per annum. Overall, he joins the average of 43,000 people of

all ages who will die in car car is still traveling at 55 mph. wrecks every year. That's and the 1,000 pound engine nearly 118 deaths per day, and it's been this way for the last into the tree. 13 years.

more than twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash. Of 100,000 fatal accidents studied by the U.S. Department of Commerce, a full 64 percent were under 25 years old, while 31 percent involved drivers over 25 years of age. As for violations, the "CA Driver Fact Book" reports that of all teen traffic violations, 51 percent involve speeding, while another 22 percent involve turn signal

Back to Joe.

He's driving 60 mph, and approaching a curve in the highway that should be taken at 35 mph. His reactions are slow. and he misses the curve by quite a bit. Before he even knows what is happening, his car is off the road and headed directly toward a huge tree.

There is no correcting. Joe's car hits the tree with a resounding crunch.

At 1/10th of a second, the car's front bumper and grillwork collapse.

At 2/10ths of a second, the hood crumbles, rises, and smashes into the windshield. The grillwork now disinte-

sprung upright from his seat. His legs are immediately broken, and his knees crash against the dashboard. The steering wheel bends under his

At 4/10ths of a second, the front of the car is completely destroyed and now dead still. However, the rear end of the

and accessories are crunched

At 5/10ths of a second, the Of course, Joe's age group is impact rips Joe's shoes clean off his feet. The chassis bends in the middle, and Joe's head is slammed into the windshield. The car's rear-end begins its downward fall as its spinning wheels churn into the ground.

At 6/10ths of a second, the entire body of the car is twisted out of shape. The front seat continues to ram forward.

At 7/10ths of a second, Joe's chest is pinned against the steering wheel shaft. His internal organs crash against his rib cage.

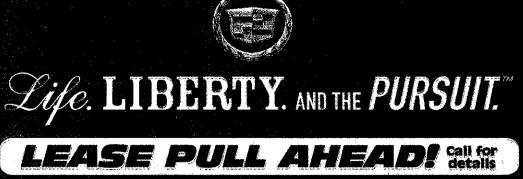
At 8/10ths of a second, Joe is dead. He's now a statistic.

Remember, it's not just young drivers like Joe who crash. Many adults who are experienced drivers will also become statistics. They, too, will make mistakes behind the wheel, many alcohol related. They'll come from every walk of life, from laborer to politician.

Plan your travel carefully this season. Try not to be in a hurry and if the roads turn nasty, stop and stay at a motel. If necessary, pull off at a roadside rest area or stop and have a coffee at a restaurant. Don't just pull off on the side of a At 3/10ths of a second, Joe is road — it's dangerous there. If vou are late and miss the big "gathering," so be it. Keep in mind that more deaths per mile traveled will occur during the holiday season.

Finally, if you drink, don't drive, and have a safe holiday

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2007 Ford Shelby GT 500

By Dan Schulte Special Writer

he fact that more than 2 million people from North America and beyond partake in the Woodward Dream Cruise every year makes a powerful statement about the sustained peoularity of classic American cats, especially the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s.

More than a few enthusiasts have longed for the day when manufacturers would bring back the street machines of yesteryear in something close to their original form.

Two years ago, Ford Motor Co. responded with the 2005 Mustaing GT, a 21st century reflection of the thoroughbred design, impressive performance and commanding sound of the original '60s Mustaing Fastback.

For many, it meant a second chance to revel in the muscle car styling of the '60s while enjoying a modern drivetrain and chassis that could be readily employed for everyday use. A significantly improved likeness of the original Fastback, the Mustang GT is a favorite among new and old car buffs alike.

Now comes the new 2007 Ford Shelby GT500.

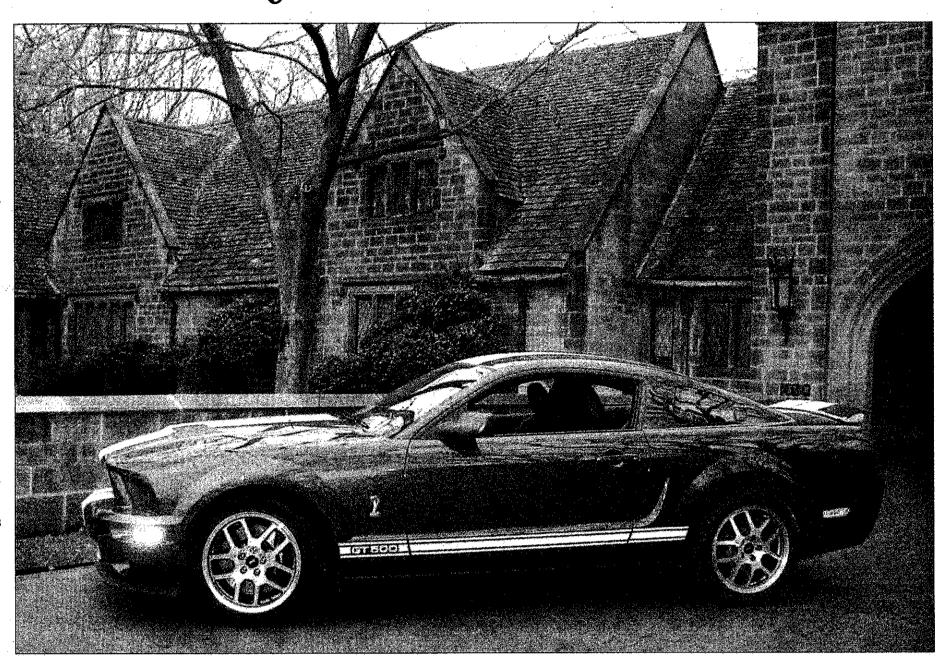
Even those who grew up in a world of bored and stroked, multi-carbureted, custom-built street rods will be wowed by the 2007 Ford Shelby GT500's

performance. The Shelby GT500 was developed by Ford's SVT Team with input from racing legend Carroll Shelby. The car's 5.4 liter 500-horsepower V8 engine coupled with a manual 6speed transmission delivers the kind of adrenaline-pumping acceleration that is rarely found in today's new-car showrooms. Certainly nothing in the Shelby GT500's \$44,000 price range comes close, with most worthy competitors coming in at two to three times the

The GT500 isn't simply a fast street machine, it's absolutely and voraciously aggressive, able to take skeptics to school at a moment's notice. When the lesson's over, the race proven Brembo brake system brings things to a halt in a hurry with four-piston calipers and big 14-inch vented rotors up front, and dual-piston calipers with 11.8-inch vented rotors in back.

The GT500's blazing acceleration and right-now stopping power interface the road via 255/45ZR18 front, and 285/40ZR18 Goodyear F1 supercar tires. While ample for stopping and cornering, even larger, stickier rear rubber would help make the most of this car's 480 foot-pounds of torque.

When it comes to curves, the Shelby GT500, with its 55/45 front/rear axle weight ratio may not corner as fluidly as a 50/50 mid-engine supercar, but the added weight up front



2007 Ford Shelby GT500 Blue Coup

seems more a concern in concept than reality. The addition of performance steering components specific to the Shelby GT500 makes a perceptible contribution to its predictable handling characteristics. After pushing traction to the limits on a wet skid pad, recovery was readily gained, the feedback validating driver confidence in this vehicle's surefooted agility.

In spite of the Shelby GT500's gorilla p attributes, it's a "sleeper" at idle, purring almost as quietly as grandma's grocery getter. Keep in mind, the sleeper designation applies more to the GT500 convertible than the coupe. With its attention-getting twin LeMans racing stripes running from bumper to bumper, the coupe is more than a little conspicuous. The convertible, on the other hand, comes sans LeMans stripes. If it weren't for the little cobra emblem and the GT 500 decal down on the convertible's rocker, you wouldn't know what you were up against until it was a done deal.

In the '60s, cars that delivered anywhere near this kind of performance idled like a cement mixer. Thanks to today's refined automotive technology, the Shelby GT500 stands by smoothly and quietly at low RPM until the driver decides to mash the gas pedal into the carpet. Then the roots-type supercharger makes its sleeping giant presence known, pumping huge amounts of inter-

cooled air into the combustion chambers via the 4-valve aluminum Ford GT heads.
Instantly the Shelby GT500 is catapulted into highway hyperspace with an exhaust note that is performance harmony.

The GT500 goes from zero to 60 in just over four seconds. Track tests show the car punching down the quarter mile in 12.8 seconds. But there are variations. Videos on youtube show the GT500 covering the quarter mile in the mid-10s.

Inside, the controls and analog gauges are clean and well placed. The AM/FM/MP3
Shaker stereo system complements the car nicely, in functionality, fidelity and power.
The seats are surprisingly comfortable with room for four as long as the rear seat passengers don't require much space.

Only a few recommended changes: Add a telescopic steering wheel, reposition the spoiler slightly for better rear vision and shorten the throw on the headlamp dimmer switch. Oh, and add a radar cloaking device, please.

If you have a Shelby GT500 on order, consider yourself fortunate. Demand clearly exceeds supply. Virtually all 10,000 of the '07 models are spoken for. If you're on the list, expect lots of attention. The Shelby GT500 was not designed for people whose primary intent is to remain inconspicuous. This driver was getting stares and thumbs up from everyone between the

ages of 8 and 80.

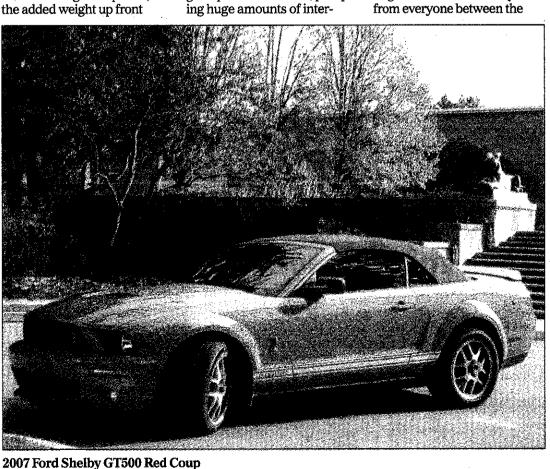
All things considered, the Ford Shelby GT500 is a definitive testament to what Detroit is capable of producing — the fastest production Mustang ever, and certainly the most

bang for the buck in the performance car arena.

At a time when much of the news emerging from our domestic automotive industry is less than inspiring, the launch of a vehicle as dynamic and ex-

citing as the Ford Shelby GT500 is nothing short of invigorating.

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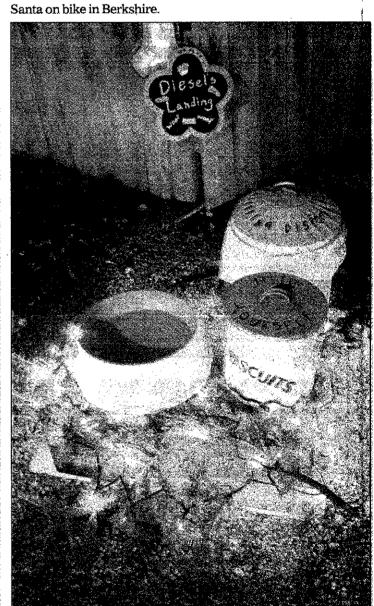
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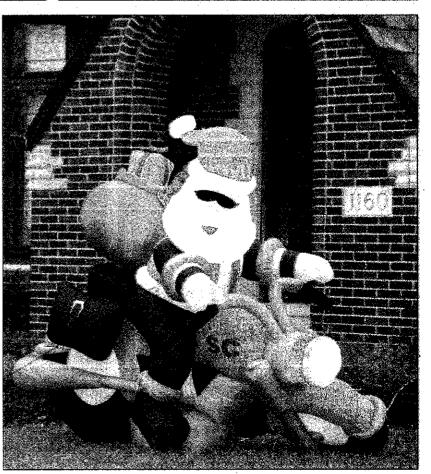
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Sometimes things are not what they seem. Get the scoop on **Detroit** Institute of Arts compositions during a special offering between Christmas and the new year.

Artist in full flower

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Rachel Ruysch was prolific, and not just because she bore 10 children.

An artist from the Dutch Golden Age known mainly for painting floral still lifes that boast vivid color and botanical accuracy, Ruysch is remembered for more than 200 progeny in oil on canvas.

"She ramped herself up into high gear from about 1703 to 1708," said George Keyes, head curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts. "It was like she could not make a mistake. Everything she touched was flawless."

The DIA owns one of Ruysch's most noted still lifes. The work, "Flowers in a Glass Vase," dates to 1704 and had been passed through generations of a British family until auctioned at Sotheby's in 1994.

"Flowers" is a favorite of

"Our painting is a perfect example of this artist at the American art. greatest moment," he said.

absolutely astonishing. It's riv- the proper gallery. etingly beautiful."

Keyes gave museum visitors the scoop on Ruysch as a prelude to Curator's Choice, a series between Christmas and the new year during which curators enter galleries to give free half-hour talks about one of their favorite works.

Talks are scheduled at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m., on:

♦ Tuesday, Dec. 26: the associate curator of contemporary art discusses Andy Warhol's "Self Portrait" and how contemporary artists construct rank smell of bugs, representidentity.

♦ Wednesday, Dec. 27: the curator of modern European Art, decodes disturbing images in "The Nightmare" by Henry Fuseli and a work by Francis Bacon.

♦ Thursday, Dec. 28: the assistant curator of European sculpture and decorative arts looks at porcelain.

• Friday, Dec. 29: abstract art is discussed by the assistant curator of African

Visitors can ask at the infor-

"Detailing in this painting is mation desk for directions to

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. But in the world of topnotch floral painting, things sometimes aren't what they

"Flowers can symbolize the evanescent, the passage of time, something that attains momentary brilliance, then wilts and ultimately rots and vanishes from the earth," Keyes said.

Ruysch injected to her assortment of fair flowers the ing, with a nod to Shakespeare, that sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds.

Amid 25 types of blossoms piled in Ruysch's mountainous bouquet — a white and red striated tulip, pink cabbage roses and more - creep 16 species of insects.

Such detail hints at things beyond beauty and brother-

"We see another meaning that could exist," Keyes said.

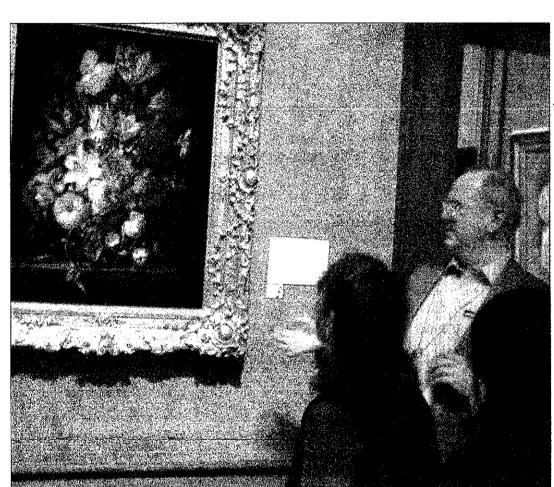
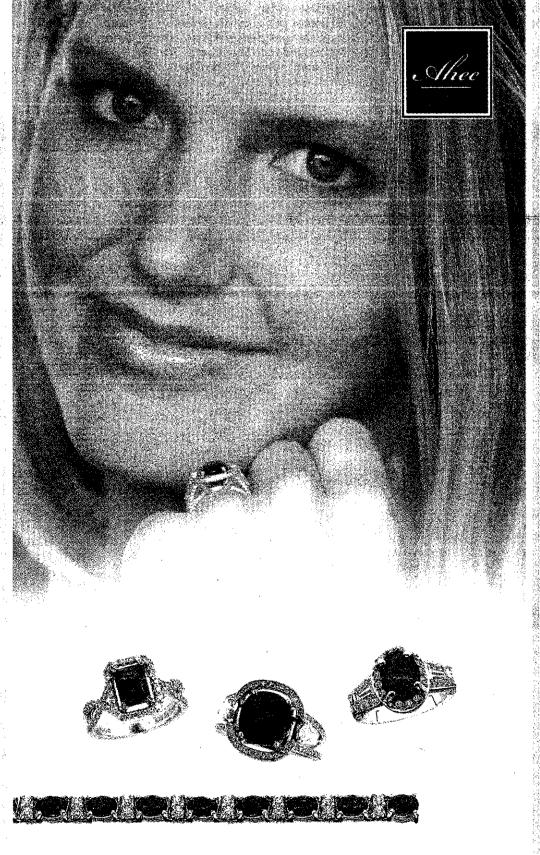


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George Keyes, chief curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts, tells patrons why he likes Rachel See FLOWERS, page 2B Ruysch's "Flowers in a Glass Vase" and what to look for in art.

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FLOWERS: Art challenges viewers

From page 1B

"Look closely. You'll see grasshoppers, butterflies, moths, ants and flies attacking these flowers at the moment of perfection."

Moralizing pervades art, not just floral arrangements. In a gallery near Ruysch's work, a landscape by American artist

Frederick Church romanticizes the volcanic eruption of Keyes said. "It creates this kind Cotopaxi . Ecuador. in Completed in 1862, when hope was lost for a quick end to the American Civil War, it's no coincidence that rays of orange sunlight breaking through Cotopaxi's foul mists of ash form the beginnings of a cross and the promise of goodness

and peace to come. Good art challenges viewers something to prove. to think beyond the subject.

normative experience of the world around you," Keyes said.

Common themes include the passage of time.

"This goes back to antiquity," of rhythmic sense of the uni-

verse.' Questions about immortality are often touched upon in portraiture.

"Sometimes it's linked to dynastic self-preservation and perpetuation," Keyes said.

Ruysch will be remembered as an ambitious painter with

She started her career on the "It makes you question your wrong foot. Her gender disqualified her for membership in the Amsterdam artist guild.

"This was an enormous handicap," Keyes said.



At left, "Flowers in a Glass Vase," by Rachel Ruysch. Above, viewers will notice the details, such as, insects and dewdrops in Ruysch's painting of "Flowers in a Glass Vase" after looking deeper into the work at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

On the other hand, she came from a wealthy family in a city made rich by a growing mercantile class. Her father, a professor of anatomy at the University of Amsterdam, also headed the city's botanical gar-

He preserved nature's anomalies in an embalming fluid of his own invention.

Young Rachel mingled with the sublime and absurd during an eccentric upbringing within reach of exotic flowers and jars of picked fetuses.

Yet her technical skill and artistic eye conquered obsta-

She added fine lines to "Flowers in a Glass Vase" using a brush with as few as two or three hairs. She adjusted the pigmentation of petals to represent light passing through the prism of dewdrops.

"This is an absolutely tour de force painting," Keyes said. "You feel that it was painted yesterday."

cover of one of his eight books, "Masters of Dutch Painting."

Ruysch wasn't above showing off. She knew what she was doing when detailing the front, back and sides of three cabbage roses placed near the bottom of her bouquet.

to have it reproduced on the artist is showing how she can represent an object in space," Keyes said. "She's sort of rubbing your nose in it in a very discreet way, saying, 'You know, folks, I am a great artist and this is a virtuoso performance."

Keyes, added, "You know "In a very discreet way, this what? She's absolutely right."

Dutch violinist makes DSO debut

Violinist Janine Jansen dewith the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the first Classical Series concert of 2007 beginning with an 8 p.m. performance Thursday, Jan. 4, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

A hit in her native Holland, will Jansen DSO will also be performing Antonin Dvorak's "Symphony No. 8" and Arnold Bax's He liked the painting enough | "Tintagel," led by British con- 576-5111.

ductor Bramwell Tovey Jansen's debut performance was in 1997 in Amsterdam and has since performed world-

Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

Tickets range from \$15 to perform \$69 with a limited number of Mendelssohn's "Concerto for box seats available for \$61 to Violin and Orchestra." The \$117 and can be purchased at the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office, 3711 Woodward; by calling (313)

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DIO supporters raise \$50,000 for research

About 100 people of all ages walked or ran to benefit the Institute the Ophthalmology in Sunday, Oct. 29, Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon, "Run for a reason."

Those individuals raised more than \$50,000 through sponsorships and pledges to support the DIO's programs in ophthalmic research and support services for the visually impaired.

The DIO was the only charity associated with vision loss and several of the institute's visually impaired support group members completed the 5K walk and half marathon with the help of a sighted partner.

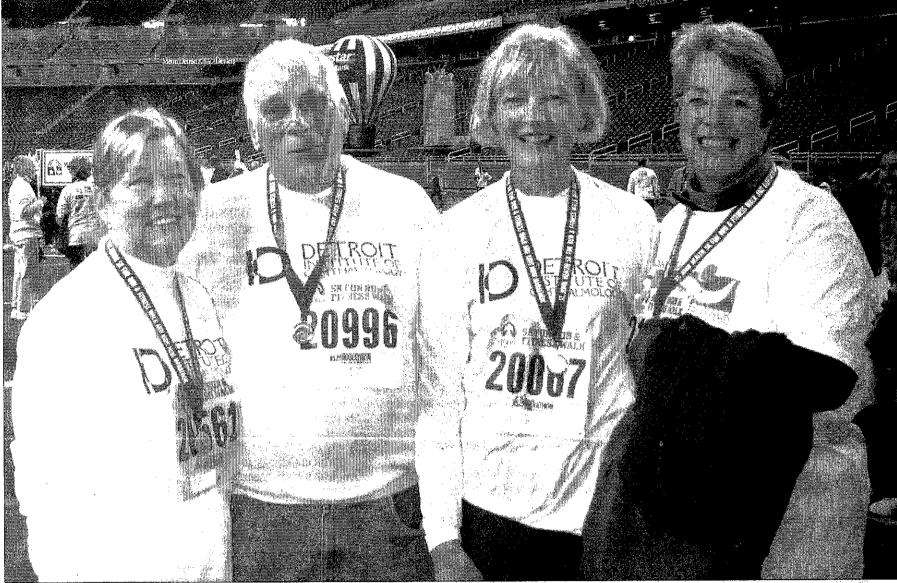
"This was my first time competing in the event and I had a blast," said Detroiter Marie Perchan who is legally blind.

"I got caught up in all of the festivities and it was emotional knowing I was doing something that can help raise money to help the visually impaired."

"Getting the funds to help our research is fantastic,' DIO's Philip Hessburg, M.D., said. "We're making progress every day."

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and DIO board member second year as event chairman. Patten announced that DIO will once again be a par- interested in walking or run- Park. ticipating charity in the October 2007 marathon.

DIO is looking to double the number of competitors supporting the institute. Anyone Jefferson in Grosse Pointe OptimEyes, Henry Ford



Michael Patten served for the Participants, from left, Darlene Sulad, Jim Braun, Ellen Chapin and Barb Burnham finished the 5K walk inside Ford Field. The foursome helped the DIO raise more than \$50,000 for research.

ning for the DIO can call (313) 824-4710.

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PYC board of directors

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club board of directors recently appointed Grosse Pointe Woods resident J. Dennis Andrus as commodore for 2007. Andrus, who joined the GPYC in 1980, is the club's 74th commodore. Prior to his appointment as commodore, Andrus served on the GPYC board of directors. Outside his duties at the Club, Andrus is the president of Andrus Realty Group in Grosse Pointe Farms. The GPYC also selected officers and the board of directors for 2007. The officers are Vice Commodore David E. Martin, M.D., Rear Commodore James L. Taylor Jr., Secretary Mary Treder-Lang, and Treasurer Robert L. Rader, Jr. The board of directors includes Richard J. Bania, Daniel C. Bracciano, James J. Downes, Robert B. Joslyn, Mark W. Peyser, Ronald A. Schaupeter and William C. Vogel Jr. Front row, left to right, Secretary Mary Treder-Lang, Vice Commodore David E. Martin, M.D. Commodore J. Dennis Andrus, Rear Commodore James L. Taylor, Jr., Treasurer Robert L. Rader, Jr. Back row, left to right, General Manager Michael Mooney, CCM, directors Mark W. Peyser, William C. Vogel Jr., Richard J. Bania, James J. Downes, Robert B. Joslyn, Ronald A. Schaupeter and Daniel C. Bracciano.

NEW ARRIVALS

Alice Clara Roth

Jason and Heather Roth of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Alice Clara Roth, born Aug. 18, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Neal and Mary Bauer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Frank and Bonnie Roth of

Macomb Township. Erma Buckman of Sterling

Heights is the paternal greatgrandmother.

Olivia Grace McMillin

Steven and Leslie McMillin of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Olivia Grace McMillin, born Aug. 23,

Maternal grandparents are

Gray and Sandy Miller of Fair Haven and the late Robert M.

The paternal grandparents are Gary and Janice McMillin of Destin, Fla.

Great-grandmother is Phyllis

Hepner of St. Clair Shores.

Henry Darrow Cole

Karla D. (Kary) Standish and Adam Cole of Chicago, Ill., are the parents of a son, Henry Darrow Cole, born Sept. 12,

Maternal grandparents are Karla Behr Standish and the late James Darrow Standish

Paternal grandparents are Drs. Sandra and Ted Cole of Ann Arbor.

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Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of Parents and caregivers are enthe American Revolution couraged to attend and partici-(DAR) of Grosse Pointe meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Kathy at (586) 412-8454 or visit home of Meredith Scheiwe, ccplusdance.com. Grosse Pointe Park, junior member chair.

The program is Americanism project: helping new citizens and area children learn about the flag and the American's creed. High school and college members of the John Paul Jones Society Children of the American Revolution will be guests.

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While Holiday Tours conting ue at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House through Jan. 7, only one date, Dec. 21, remains for the Holiday Evening Tours.

The evening tours, which are held from 6 to 8 p.m., feature specially guided tours of the candlelit home, holiday favorites sung by the Noteworthy Carolers and hot chocolate. The Tea Room will be open. The cost is \$11 per person and no reservations are required.

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18th annual 'River Rhythm' fundraising event

Mariners Inn hosted River auction items. Rhythm 2006, its 18th annual dinner and auction fundraiser, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in October.

The event saw 350 in attendance and raised more than \$125,000 for the agency. Guests had a sit-down dinner,

award.

Carl Bentley, vice president of Strategic Staffing Solutions, was the recipient of the "Anchor of the Year" service

Other honorees included, BUDCO which provides inkind design and printing serlive jazz music and bidding on vices, and Fresh Farms Market

and Johnny B's Cookies, both of which weekly provide food to Mariners Inn.

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cial service of celebration beservice will be at 10 a.m. A spe-Church. The weekly worship Grosse Pointe Congregational fered on Sunday, Dec. 24, at Three services will be of-

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.0602-488 tact the church office at (313) For more information, con-

Dec. 25. on Christmas Day, Monday, Communion begins at 10 a.m. with Worship while singing "Silent Night."

candles for the congregation head lights and distribution of ship: the dimming of the overwill close Christmas Eve wor-10 p.m. The church's tradition and adult choirs, takes place at light service, with hand bell Holy Communion. A candlebegins at 5 p.m. and offers especially for young families, Dec. 24. The first service, timed dozens of candles on Sunday, tar and the nave glowing with Christmas trees flanking the aldecked with poinsettias, two The church's chancel will be

Christmas Day. worship on Christmas Eve and vites community members to Christ the King Lutheran in-

Carols and candlelight

and Canfield, Detroit. Parking is located on St. Aubin koledy. Doors open at 11 p.m. Christmas carols and Polish Pasterka with traditional Christmas midnight Mass St. Albertus will have a

Midnight Mass

tion and tickets, call (734) 657-For more information, locain their 30s, 40s and 50s.

The evening caters to those Holy p.m. to I a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Eve dinner and dance is from 7 Catholic Singles New Year's

Singles dance

Grosse Pointe Park. 1444 Maryland, Српкср, 24, at First Christian Reformed begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. service with lessons and carols Christmas Eve candlelight

Candlelight service

Lorthrop, Grosse Pointe corner of Chalfonte and The church is located on the the Christmas story.

offerings and the retelling of favorite hymns, special music The services will incorporate light and Communion.

p.m. service includes candlegins at 5:30 p.m. and an 11:30

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Church events

GROSSE POINTE NEWS, DECEMBER 21, 2006

PASTOR'S CORNER By John and Kathy Chateau

Methodist church introduces digital presence

Methodist Church on Moross worked on the Web makeover in Grosse Pointe Farms un- said, "Many people visit our veiled a complete makeover of along with it, a new logo.

pastor of the congregation. "But even the Bible has received a revision or two since we changed the look of our stationery, so I guess we were overdue."

The logo is a contemporary variation of the United Methodist cross and flame logo, set within a circle and several layers of color to resemble the church's stained-glass win-

Britt Baubie, who worked with a committee and Details Communications Inc. of Birmingham, Ala., to create the new look said, "We wanted to connect to the whole family of United Methodist churches, because that is a core principle of the denomination. At the same time, we wanted our look to be fresh, and to suggest our place in a global community, where God's presence, like a circle, has no beginning or

Charlie Van Becelaere, the

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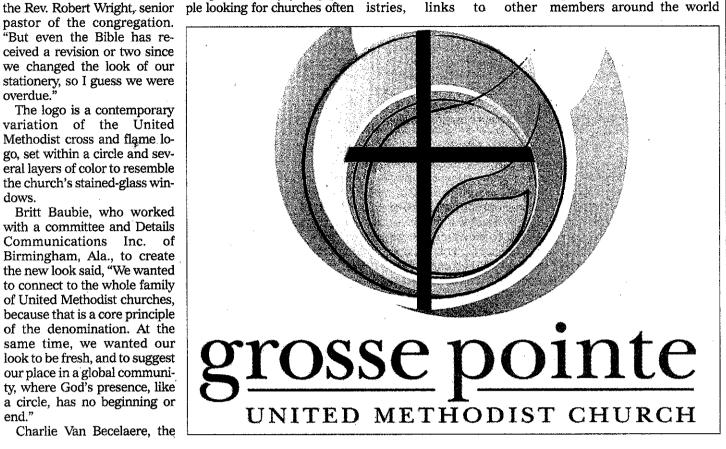
The Web site was introduced to the congregation during a its Web site at gpumc.org and searching for something. We recent worship service. It has descriptions of services, pho-"I prefer to think that we happen to be searching on tos and news of events, inforhave a faith, not a brand," said Google. So many young peo- mation about church min-

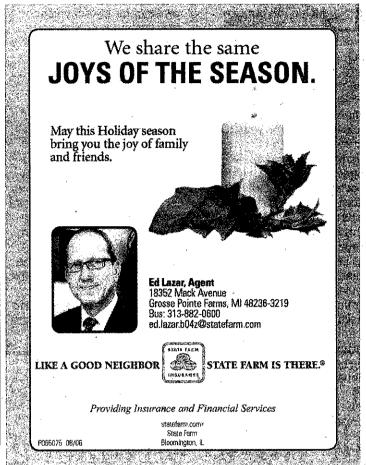
Grosse Pointe United current webmaster who refer to the Web as a first op- Methodist sites, such as the in- will have a better opportunity regular users of the Web, and ternational relief agency UM-(United Methodist Committee on Relief), lists of resources and contact information. Members who are confined to their homes, college students, and former

to stay in touch with their friends and family in the church via the site, church officials said.

"Most of our members are said.

they expect the organizations they belong to will have a professional Web presence. Now we have one," Van Becelaere





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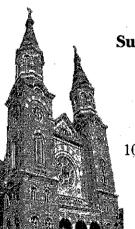
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

There's change in Christmas perspective



hristmas is just around the corner and I've been thinking how different the holiday has been for me during the different stages of my life.

As a child, I thought Christmas was magical. Presents would come, but in the meantime, I could feast on the rich colors of red, green and gold on such beautiful fabrics as satin, velvet and brocades.

The lights on our tree, to say nothing of the lights shining out the windows and some pretty grand lights in Grosse Pointe, were beautiful.

(Outdoor lights today are spectacles that would have left me speechless.)

I had been accustomed most of the year to somewhat dull and routine church music. What a pleasure when Christmas carols filled the air.

Putting up the tree was great fun. Ornaments from many years ago had been saved and were placed carefully on the tree.

Who had heard of artificial trees then? Years later when all my grown children had beautiful artificial trees, they would not allow me to get one. Maybe that was because a real tree reminded them of the Christmases when they were children.

The final decoration on the tree was tinsel. The grownups quickly tired of placing the small bunches. But I persisted in meticulousy putting strands

of tinsel where I thought they were needed and looked most beautiful.

One of my favorite pastimes during the season was taking strands of crinkled tinsel and using my fingers to straighten it into beautiful pieces of sil-

Skip a few years and there I was, a wife and mother of seven children. My role had changed, I was no longer that child who thought Christmas was magical. Now I was Santa's helper.

It wasn't that hard a job. There was no TV bombarding them with ads of the wonderful, expensive toys they had to have. Once you'd figured out what the kids wanted, shopping was a snap because there were so many gifts within our

Decorating the house was not complicated. A well-deco-

rated tree, Christmas objects around the house, red tablecloths and the kids thought it was beautiful. We never had outside lights primarily because we didn't know how to run the electricity to the outside. But not too many houses in our neighborhood had them anyway.

I may just be fantasizing about the good old days, but I do think raising a family was much easier in those earlier

There had to have been violence in our city, but we didn't hear about it. Most TV programs, as well as movies. were appropriate for children. Soupy Sales was about as far out as comic programs went. I remember my children begging to be allowed to stay up until 8:30 p.m. so they could see "Rifleman." On that series, only the bad men got shot.

Gore and torture were never shown on that program.

When Christmas morning was over, we went to my mother's house for dinner. She thought my children were the most intelligent, beautiful and talented of all children and never saw any shortcomings. Years after her death, one son told me with great conviction that Grandma was an angel.

Of course she didn't have to discipline them or make decisions that they didn't like.

Which now brings me to my current role - and I'm not sure what that is.

Instead of the holiday meals I used to prepare, my children now have houses, have the big meals and won't let me help.

Children have always been such fun to shop for. But my youngest grandchild is now

13, at the age when money is the only appropriate gift, as I found out.

For Christmas and birthdays I usually gave my granddaughters outfits I thought they would love.

My son finally told me, "Mom, the girls aren't wearing the clothes you gave them because they aren't what the other kids are wearing." I was horrified, and wanted to know why they didn't exchange them. "They didn't want to hurt your feelings," was the explanation.

Now that so many of my efforts are no longer necessary, I guess my role is to sit back, enjoy the beautiful colors, the spectatular lights, the lovely music, and dream on.

I hope you all have a wonderful, happy holliday.

You can reach Cain at her email: ruthcain@comcast.net

Preventing life-threatening dehydration among seniors

Maintaining adequate fluid balance is an essential component of health at every stage of life, yet can become more challenging as we grow older and more vulnerable to shifts in water balance that can result in dehydration.

Why does hydration matter? In older adults, adequate fluid consumption has been associated with fewer falls, less constipation, better recoveries in orthopedic patients, reduced risk of bladder cancer in men and lower rates of fatal heart disease.

constipation, falls, adverse effects from medications, urinary tract and respiratory infections, delirium, renal failure, seizure, hypo- and hyper-

itate emergency or repeated hospitalizations and increased mortality rates among older adults.

Who's at risk:

◆ Age and ethnicity. From 1990 to 2000, hospitalizations for dehydration in older adults increased by 40 percent.

Adults age 85 years and older were three times more likely to have a diagnosis of dehydration than younger adults.

Among older adults who maintain hydration, physical or emotional illness, surgery, trauma or higher physiologic demands may still increase

◆ Certain psychiatric medications can cause dryness of the mouth, constipation, or urinary retention that can aggravate hydration status.

◆ A person's level of physical dependency and cognitive impairment can cause a person to be unable or forget to drink 900)

homes. Dehydration can lead to According to an article in the June issue of the American Journal of Nursing, nursing home residents have habits that might put them at risk, such as those who "will not memory problems that cause available at the bedside them to forget to drink.

"If nurses don't ensure older adults have an adequate fluid intake, we have seriously failed them," said Diana Mason, RN, Ph.D., FAAN, editor-in-chief, American Journal of Nursing.

"For older adults, it's essential to have consistent fluid intake throughout the day, especially because they should not consume large amounts of fluid at one time."

Dehydration can lead to a variety of complications.

As reported in a study conducted by Janet Mentes, Ph.D., APRN, BC, assistant professor at the University of California Los Angeles School of Nursing, the following tips should be practiced for preventing dehydration:

Identify and treat correctable causes of dehydration such as vomiting and di-

◆ Observe the color of the urine: Dark, concentrated urine can be a sign of dehy-

◆ Provide glasses and cups drink" due to concerns about that are not too large or heavy In older adults with other controlling their urine or to handle, and have straws

◆ During hot weather, be especially attentive to replacing excessive lost fluid.

◆ If you have an older family member or friend in a hospital, nursing home or other facility, make sure water is within reach.

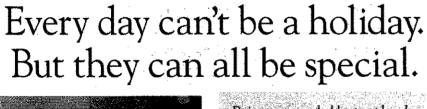
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Services for Older Citizens (SOC) collected donations and supplies for holiday baskets that were assembled, wrapped in cellophane and tied with ribbons at the Neighborhood Club. When assembled, drivers and volunteers, including Grosse Pointe Park resident Jack Glover, 7 years old, delivered the baskets to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors.





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Volunteer drivers are also needed to deliver the meals during the noon hour one or more days a week. A valid operator's license and proof of automobile insurance are required.

For more information about volunteering or receiving Meals for the Homebound deliveries, call Bon Secours Volunteer Services at (313) 343-1795.

Alarming number of children's Type 2 diabetes

en years ago, it was unusual to diagnose a child with Type 2 diabetes, a disease which results from the body's inability to process or use insulin effectively (commonly known as adult-onset diabetes). On average, I would see only two to three new cases about every two or three years. Unfortunately, now I am diagnosing and treating many more children with Type 2 diabetes. I see two new cases about every other month and treat several children every week for Type 2 diabetes.

Risk Factors

The sad reality is, many children today are overweight, even obese. Being overweight is one of the greatest risk factors for developing Type 2 diabetes. In fact, about 85 percent of children diagnosed with the disease have a body mass index (BMI) in the 85th percentile or above for their age and sex. These children typically have an unhealthy diet of high-fat, low-fiber foods.

In addition, these kids get little or no physical activity (the second biggest risk factor). Eating a poor diet and inactivity are two lifestyle factors that are a recipe for Type 2 diabetes. Other risk factors include:

◆ Family history: roughly 75 percent of children with Type 2 diabetes have a parent or sibling with the disease.

◆ Race: African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American and Pacific Islander children are at greater

◆ Gender: girls are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes than boys.

Flistory of gestational diabetes: a child's chance of developing Type 2 diabetes increases if the mother had diabetes while pregnant.

Preventing Type 2 diabetes

As parents, there are several things vou can do to help vour children avoid developing this disease. First and foremost you need to pay attention to their eating habits. Too often children's diets are loaded with high-fat, processed junk food. Kids need more fruits and vegetables and need to eat a balanced diet from the five food groups.

One of the biggest sources of junk food comes in the form of "liquid calories"— soda pop, sports drinks, even milk and juice, in excessive amounts are unhealthy for kids. Typically these drinks are loaded with sugar and have very little nutritional value. These drinks also

Clinical trial to fight osteoporosis

Can a twice-yearly injection prove as effective as Fosamax, the leading treatment for osteoporosis?

That's what a new clinical research trial led by Dr. Henry Bone, who's pioneering efforts to combat osteoporosis helped establish the efficacy of Fosamax, will explore.

The trial is currently recruiting patients to compare the effects of a 70 mg weekly dose of Fosamax, one of the most effective treatments for osteoporosis, with those Denosumab, an investigational drug sponsored by Amgen.

To qualify for this clinical trial, participants must have taken 70 mg of Fosamax weekly for at least six months, and may not be on systemic hormone therapy. There are some additional qualifications that will be explained by the study center.

Every participant will receive one active drug or the other, along with calcium and vitamin D supplements.

All study-related treatment and tests are free of charge, and participants will receive \$27 per office visit while enrolled in the clinical trial. For more information, call the study center at (888) 844-9010.

tend to be consumed every two snacking out of boredom at to three hours, so kids are never fasting (and all of us should be on a feeding and fasting cycle). If children eat or drink every couple hours, their bodies never get accustomed to the feeding and fasting cycle. Also their bodies can't burn off all the calories they are consuming and the "extra" gets stored

Contributing to this overeating trend are daycare centers and schools that promote midmorning and/or afternoon snacks, and provide easy access to vending machines. Parents can counter this by making sure children are not

home, and drinking water instead of pop and juice.

Another key to avoiding Type 2 diabetes is physical activity. Exercise increases the body's efficiency to use calories and help control weight. After school is an ideal time for children to work in some exercise, before plunging into homework for the evening. Encourage them to play outside, get involved in an individual or team sport, or take a family walk. Also, parents should set limits on video game playing, TV-watching and computer use - no more

time" every day.

Lastly, parents should model good behavior. The old adage: "Do as I say not as I do" just doesn't cut it here. If you want your children to have a healthy lifestyle, make sure you are setting a good example.

St. John resources

At St. John Hospital, we recognize this growing trend of kids and teenagers with Type 2 diabetes and have started two support groups to help fami-

Weight Loss Support Group (for children and teenagers) From 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays,

Participants need a referral from their St. John pediatric endocrinologist.

Type 2 Diabetes Support **Group for Parents Children** and Teens

A different topic is covered every month. Meetings are held from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. John Hospital's lower level (basement) education center.

Jan. 24: Complications of Diabetes and Periodic Screening

Classroom A Feb. 28: Ask the Psychologist Lower Level Conference

March 3: Diabetes and Exercise

Classroom C

April 25: Information on the American Diabetes Association Camp for 2007 and vendor fair showcasing the latest in blood glucose meters, insulin and insulin pumps in the auditorium.

For more information on the support groups, contact St. John Health Connect at (888) 440-REAL (7325).

Editor's Note: Dr. David Transue is the director of Pediatric Endocrinology, St. John Children's Center, at St. John Hospital and Medical



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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...



his holiday season, the streets of Greenfield Village, The Henry Ford in Dearborn is serving roasted chestnuts from Michigan orchards.

Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor uses only Michigan chestnuts in its chestnut soup. And, Earthy Delights in DeWitt, sells a product called chestnuts in maple syrup, using the state's own chestnuts.

A possible economic source for our state's economy lies with this unlikely resource. And, at this holiday time, perhaps the only time of year they are even considered, Michigan chestnuts are coming into their own.

A conversation with the guru of chestnuts, Dennis
Fulbright, Ph.D., a plant
pathologist at Michigan State
University, gave much of the

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story about chestnuts, including growing them, harvesting them and developing a viable market.

"Instead of creating a surplus with nowhere to go," said Fulbright, "we're helping to grow the market along with the trees." Some statewide pioneer nut growers are taking a chance on chestnuts.

"So far, we've made great inroads," Fulbright said. "What in 2005 took 12 months to use up, this year were gone in three months."

Almost like having a franchise for interested chestnut growers, Fulbright was asked to pull together a cooperative for those who would like to participate. The purposes include promoting the establishment of nut and certain small fruit tree plantings in the region, best growing practices for growing using sustainable agricultural goals and scientific research in nut tree breeding and culture. The cooperative also assists in marketing by helping to educate producer, retailer and the general public.

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Fulbright sees his mission as helping the growers understand the best growth methods, which species to plant, and accepting that it's an orchard and not a forest that is to yield the best results for all.

"The orchard is a well-functioning factory with certain cultivars chosen to be planted and grown for its fruit," Fulbright said. To make the concept work commercially, there's much to learn.

The chestnut tree, Castanea species, has five possible entities, with four types most available as a food source. The American Chestnut (Castanea dentata) and the larger European chestnuts (Castanea sativa), grown on the West Coast and, of course, in Europe, where there is still a large market for the nut, continues to be most prone to blight in this country. Most often grown on the East Coast, the Chinese Chestnut (Castanea mollissima), not as readily prone to the same blight, has found a home in many orchards.

"There are lots of species to choose from," Fulbright said. "And many opportunities for cultivars created from these species." And, Fulbright stressed that it's these cultivars that are best for growing in our state.

Where are chestnut orchards growing in Michigan?

"Fenton is a great place," said Fulbright. "Some are growing in Lapeer as well as the Utica area."

All chestnut trees need a well-drained loamy sandy soil to grow best. No wet feet here.

"Unfortunately, some people were told chestnuts can grow anywhere," Fulbright said. "It's not true and they put in plants before knowing the rules." Some of these growers didn't find success with their orchards which can take six years to show a useful yield.

Besides teaching their members to go after the best cultivars of chestnut trees, the success of some of the products created by members of the cooperative have shown the concept victorious. Chestnut Chips, a low-fat snack food or a dehydrated version of chestnuts are found on the Web site.

For information about the products, recipes or almost anything "chestnut," go to chestnutgrower.org.

Another secret of the chestnut is the flour made from the nut.

The Web says that chestnut flour is the secret ingredient used in European pastry.

With the diverse micro-climates found in Michigan, anyone interested in growing a chestnut orchard should also



Chestnuts are coming to a market near you. As yet harvested by hand in the United States, Europeans have developed mechanical harvesters.

consider visiting the Web site for a great deal of planning

and growing information.
You may choose to try some chestnuts on that open fire or consider a recipe from the site.

Any way you'd like, try some Michigan grown chestnuts and share them with your loved ones this holiday season.

Happy Christmas to you and yours!

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointe-

A special chestnut recipe

Milliman's Chocolate Chestnut Cake

Chestnut Cake

Chestnut mix: 1 cup chopped chestnuts 1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup dark rum
Cake:
4 ounces melted chocolate

4 ounces melted chocolate 3 tablespoons cocoa 1 cup butter

1 cup sugar 4 eggs

4 eggs 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 1/4 teaspoon baking pow-

1 cup buttermilk 1 cup chestnut mix

orated.

dark rum
Simmer chestnuts, sugar
and rum until the chestnuts are
soft and the rum is all but evap-

Blend in a food processor until smooth. Let cool.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Beat the butter until light then gradually add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the vanilla, then the flour and salt, cocoa and baking powder, alternating

with the buttermilk.

Make sure it is mixed well.

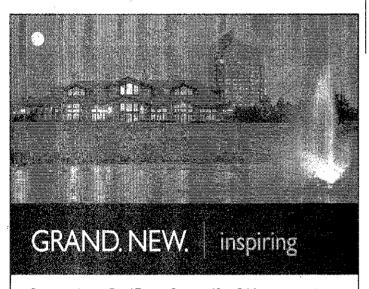
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Fold in the chocolate and chestnut mixture. Pour into a floured cake pan and bake for about an hour or until a toothpick once inserted into the cake comes out clean. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Turn it out and onto a cake plate. While warm drizzle with dark rum.

Cake can be frosted or simply served with whipped cream.

— Chef Jim Milliman Hattie's Grill Sutton's Bay

Sutton's Ba Other chestnut recipes may be found at chestnutgrowersinc.com/recipes.



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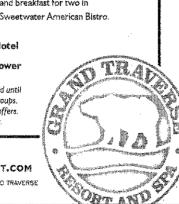
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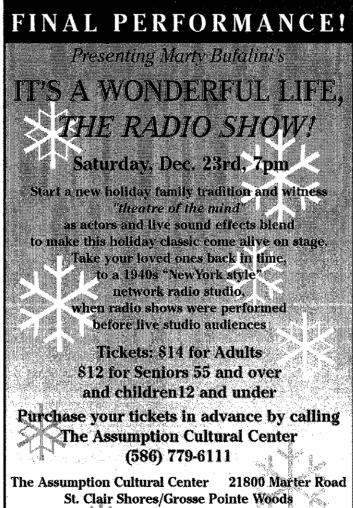
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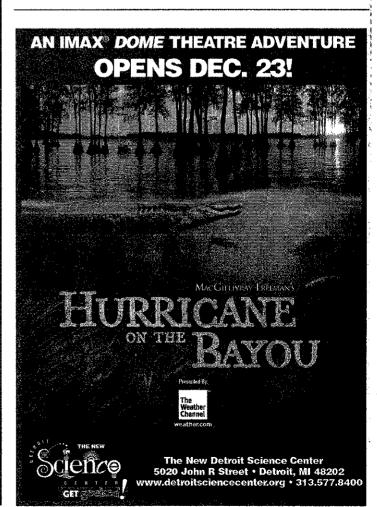
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'It's a Wonderful Life' radio show

at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at The Assumption Cultural Center Hall, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Directed by Marty Bufalini, this theatrical presentation of an old-time radio broadcast is reminiscent of the 1940s when radio shows were performed live before large studio audiences.

"It's A Wonderful Life" and George Bailey hold a very special place in the hearts of movie lovers. A few years ago, I rewrote the story to play for the ear," said Bufalini, of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Using his radio background and knowledge of drama, Bufalini, who plays the villain-

"It's a Wonderful Life - The ous Mr. Potter and many other Radio Show" will be performed characters in the performance, incorporated the necessary sound effects and transitions so it would play as a radio show and for the "theatre of the mind."

"Actors double and sometimes triple up on voices.

"The coordination between the actors, the director and sound effects technicians is an amazing thing to see and with the story itself, makes for darn good "visual" theatre as well,"

About 90 percent of all sound effects are performed live using mechanical devices. For example, professional actors re-create footsteps in snow, a halfsize door on wheels is used for door effects, bells are rung, a and Dr. Cambell

Radio show tickets

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. They can be purchased by calling The Assumption Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111.

water tank is used for water effects and a wind machine is used to re-create the wind.

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Performers are: George Brian Thibault; Mary - Susan Miller; Clarence - R. J. Stewart of Novi; Uncle Billy, Mr. Gower Reynolds of Grosse Pointe Farms; Ma Bailey, Mrs. Davis and other voices - Jann Hight of St. Clair Shores; Joseph, Bert and Mr. Welch - Bill Giovan of Grosse Pointe Farms; Ernie, Pa Bailey, Harry Bailey, Randall and Nick - Joe Munem; Mr. Potter, Martini and Mickey -Bufalini; Zuzu and young Mary

Emma Kruse of Grosse Pointe; young Violet - Chrissy Panagos of Grosse Pointe Woods; Young George William Kruse of Grosse Pointe: and Young Harry -Charles Kruse of Grosse Pointe.

Detroit Symphony rings in the new year with electronic music

Three pioneers of electronic music will take the stage New Year's Eve at the Music Box when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Detroit Legends of Electronic Music" beginning at 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson and Carl Craig will perform their signature blend of techno, hip-hop and pop music until 4 a.m. Electronic music artists Theo Parrish and Al Ester will spin the tunes in Allesee Hall.

Tickets for the "Detroit Legends of Electronic Music" are \$55 for general admission and \$100 for the VIP section until Monday, Dec. 25. After that date, prices increase to \$75 for general admission and \$150 for VIP seating.

The VIP tickets include access to cabanas in performance spaces featuring private bars and bottle service, private restrooms and a private outdoor smoking area, valet parking, hats and noise makers and hors d'oeuvres.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Santa-pleasing cookie recipe



erry Christmas from the kitchen of A la Annie. This week ... pecan biscotti with cranberries and apricots. Little prep, easy to assemble, this biscotti has a long (one month) shelf life when stored properly, the perfect cookie to take you through the holiday season.

Pecan Biscotti with Cranberries and Apricots

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs plus 2 egg whites 1 teaspoon each vanilla, al-

mond, and orange extract 3/4 cup pecan pieces

1/2 cup dried cranberries 1/2 cup diced dried apricots 2 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease one large or two small baking sheets and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine all of the dry ingredients (flour through salt). To the mixture add all of the remaining ingredients and beat with an electric mixer until the dough is slightly sticky.

Use wet hands to divide the dough into two halves. Shape each dough half into a 12-inchlong, 2-inch-wide, and 3/4inch-high log. (Allow plenty of space for the cookie logs to spread out during baking.)

Bake at 350 for 25 minutes, until golden brown.

Remove from oven and using two spatulas carefully transfer the logs to a cooling rack to rest for 10 minutes. Transfer to a cutting board and using a sharp knife cut into 3/4inch slices.

Place the slices on their side and put them back on the baking sheet and return to the oven for 5 minutes. Flip the cookies and bake for 5 more minutes.

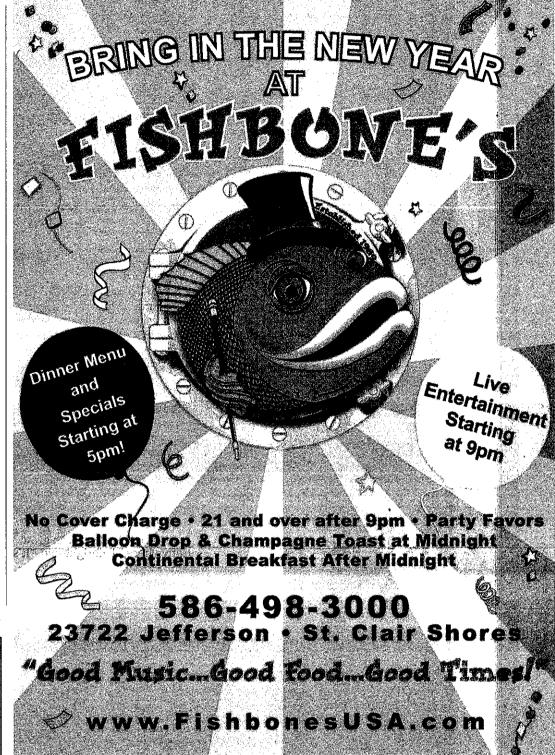
Remove from oven and transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to one month (in a cool place). Recipe should yield about 36 pieces.

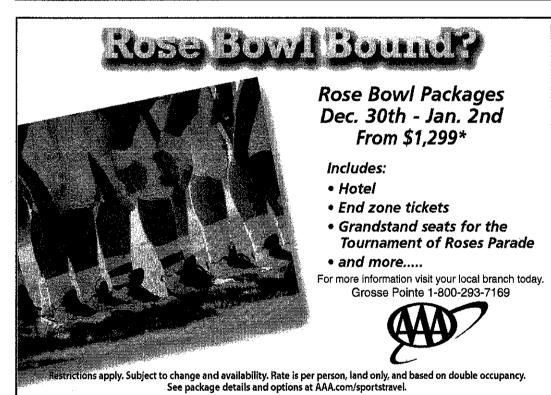
Use a knife to dice the apricots (a food processor won't work) into little pieces. The commeal gives the bis-

cotti an interesting texture, while the dried fruit adds a calming sweetness. This biscotti is really deli-

cious and will make a terrific "thank you" for the special people in your life. Deck the halls with pecan

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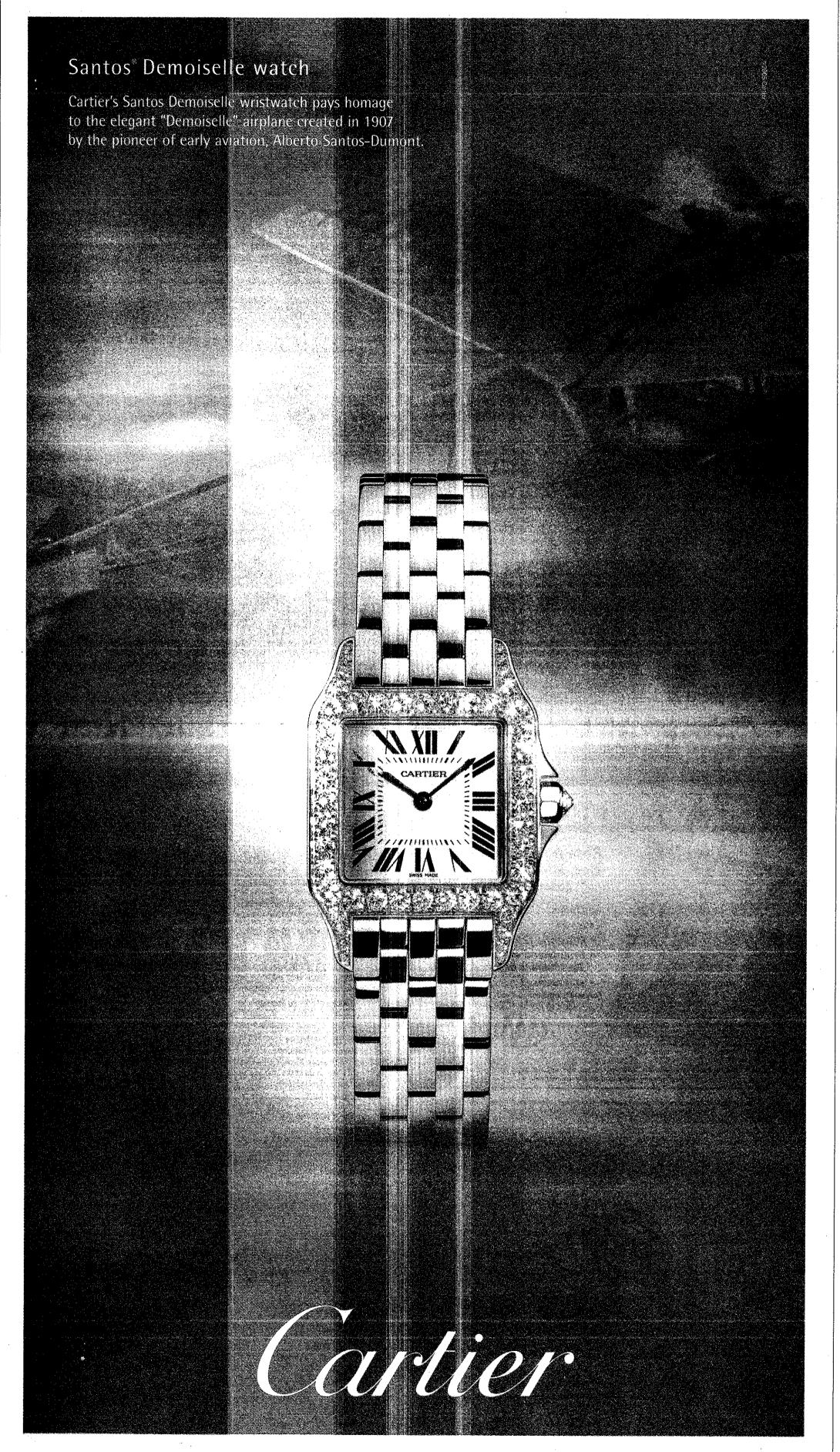
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North hockey team scores 16 goals in a pair of victories PAGE 2C

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NORTH VOLLEYBALL

Starts 2-0 in MAC Red play

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North hasn't been acting like a young volleyball team during the first month of the season.

The Norsemen won their first two matches in the always-tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division and last weekend they reached the semifinals of the Warren-Mott tournament.

"We're very young," said North coach Kim Lockhart. "We have only two returning seniors. Our sophomores and freshmen are getting a lot of playing time and they're doing well. We're glad to be 2-0 in the league going into the break."

In their most recent match, the Norsemen defeated MAC Red rival Anchor Bay 25-18, 25-20, 26-24.

In the final game, North come from an early 7-1 deficit. Teresa Nagel served the final two points for the Norsemen.

"We were battling from behind that whole set," Lockhart

North had several outstanding performances against the Tars. Allyce Kulek had 26 digs from her ribero position. Setter Bridget Reno had 34 assists

A quartet of players from North's MAC Red champion basketball team also had strong games against Anchor Bay. Sarah Perry had 11 kills, Ariel Braker had 11 kills and five blocks, Christine Klein had 10 kills and four blocks and Maddie Kent finished with nine digs and nine kills.

North opened the season with a 25-22, 18-25, 23-25, 32-30, 15-10 victory against Port Huron Northern.

"We came back from 10 down in the fourth game," Lockhart said. "The girls hung in there and played tough."

Braker had eight kills and 13 blocks, Klein had eight kills and nine blocks and Reno collected 32 assists. Nagel had four ace serves, four kills and 12 digs, while Kent had four kills and 14 digs.

In the Mott tournament, the Norsemen won the first game against perennial state power Marysville 25-19, but the Vikings came back to win the next two, 25-12 and 15-8.

"That was a big win, beating Marysville," Lockhart said.

In pool play, North swept two games from Madison



See SPIKERS, page 3C | South's PT. Shirar scores over Roseville's Cortez Chambers (23) and Eric Woods.

League opener a good victory

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

One of the topics that Grosse Pointe South basketball coach Jay Ritchie discussed with his team at Sunday's practice was the difference between a good victory and a bad victory.

He had two perfect examples last week to illustrate his

"We only won by two points on Friday but I was very happy with the way we played on both ends of the floor," Ritchie said of the 45-43 victory against L'Anse Creuse North in the Macomb Area Conference White Division opener for each

"On Tuesday we won by six points (48-42 over Roseville), but it felt more like a loss. We didn't play well at all. That wasn't a good victory."

In the LCN game, South led by 12 points with seven minutes remaining, but during a 45-second span the Crusaders hit two three-point shots and

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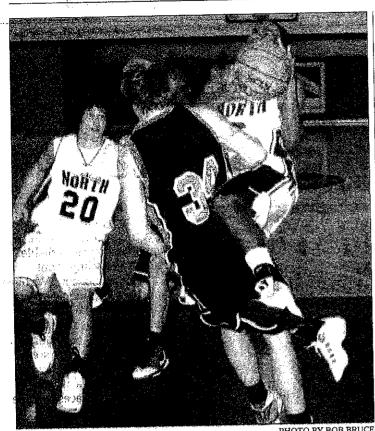
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Who says basketball isn't a contact sport? Friday's Grosse Pointe North-Chippewa Valley game proves otherwise.

North nipped in MAC Red

By Chuck Klonke , Sports Editor

If last Friday's Grosse Pointe North-Chippewa Valley basketball game is any indication, there are going to be some interesting battles in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division this season.

The North-Chippewa game went right down to the wire before the Big Reds came away with a 70-68 victory.

"They showed a lot of character," Chippewa Valley coach Kevin Voss said of the Norsemen. "I never felt safe until it was over."

North coach Pat Donnelly felt that his team didn't play its best in losing for the first time in four games.

Give credit to Chippewa than we did," Donnelly said. "They made the effort plays that win and lose ballgames diving for loose balls and getting the offensive rebounds. We played harder in the second half, but we still made a lot of mental mistakes. We have to overcome those.

the end of the world.' I'm not good lesson for us. No team is going to lay down for Grosse Pointe North. We have to play with passion, pride and intelligence. Another thing we can learn from this, is the feeling. I want them to remember how it feels to lose, so they don't want to experience the feeling again."

North led for most of the first half. A three-point basket by Darin Willis with 40 seconds left in the first quarter gave the Norsemen a 20-10 lead, their

biggest margin of the game. Chippewa Valley used an 8-0 run late in the second quarter to go ahead 29-28 on a putback by Mike Chinneck with 1:17 left in the first half. The half ended with the Big Reds leading 31-29.

Chippewa Valley, which is 3-0 overall, plays an up-tempo game and the Big Reds try to wear down their opponents with their style.

"That's the way we want to play, too," Donnelly said. "We've been stressing our transition defense, and we didn't do a good job with it tonight. But Chippewa played great. They did a nice job of getting up and down the floor."

In earlier games, North beat had a strong game. Southfield-Lathrup and Harper Woods, which play a similar and maintained at least an

"But they didn't give the of the game.

same effort as Chippewa,"

Donnelly said.

The Big Reds led for most of the third quarter but had only a 48-47 advantage going into the final quarter. North tied the game at 53-all on a basket by Dwight Van Hoesen with 5:49 left, and Nick Waller scored on an offensive rebound to give the Norsemen their first lead since late in the first half.

There were three ties and three lead changes before Chris Lemm, who scored a game-high 29 points, hit two free throws with 3:12 left to give Chippewa a 61-60 lead. Lemm scored a basket after a North turnover to boost the Big Reds' lead to three points with 2:27 to go. Another basket by Lemm made it 65-60.

The Norsemen kept battling, Valley. They worked harder however. A basket by Paul Bramos and a three-point basket by Willis sandwiched around a free throw and a basket by Lemm made it 68-65 with 16.5 seconds remaining.

North was forced to foul, and Lemm went to the free throw line for two shots. He missed them both, but grabbed the re-"But I told the team, 'this isn't bound and was fouled again. This time he made both free big on good losses or moral throws to extend Chippewa's victories but this game was a lead back to five points. Bramos hit a three-point shot with 5.2 seconds to go, but the Big Reds were able to run out the rest of the time.

"I thought Paul Bramos and Darrin Willis played extremely well down the stretch," Donnelly said.

North had five players in double figures, led by Van Hoesen with 14 points. Bramos finished with 13, Jerry Peoples and Waller each scored 11 points and Willis added 10. Mike Dallaire had seven points and 10 rebounds.

North had one of its best games of the young season when it beat Harper Woods earlier in the week.

"We played well," Donnelly said. "We did a very nice job defensively. They have some strong perimeter players and we controlled them. We made them earn all of their points. We got outstanding pressure from our guards, and caused a lot of turnovers.

"It was the first game where we really got out and did things in our transition game."

Van Hoesen led the way with 33 points. Waller had 11 points, 10 rebounds and several blocked shots. Peoples also

North jumped ahead early eight- to 10-point lead for most

Norsemen on a scoring roll

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Winning hockey games by 8-7 and 8-5 scores isn't what Grosse Pointe North coach Scott Lock is looking for.

However, the problems the Norsemen are experiencing might be easier to fix than if they were losing low-scoring contests.

"In a way, I'd prefer losing 2-1 than winning 8-7, but when I think about it, you can teach the kids to play defense," Lock said. "You can't teach them to score goals.

"But we have to improve defensively. We can't give up seven goals and win in our league. We need to buckle down defensively from the forwards on down. The goalies aren't making timely saves. I know they can play better, but at the same time, it seems like if anything goes wrong it ends up in the back of our net. The other night a puck came off the boards at a 90-degree angle and went into the net. You don't expect the puck to come off the boards like that."

North's two high-scoring contests came against non-

Norsemen beat Utica 8-5, then I'm happiest about this game is defeated Northville 8-7 on Steve Coates's goal in the final minute of overtime.

The two victories improved North's overall record to 4-4.

In the Northville game, the Norsemen twice came back from a two-goal deficit, including late in the third period to send the contest into overtime.

As the extra period was winding down, Coates brought the puck down the ice on a 3on-2 break. He passed to Jeff Rohrkemper, and cut to the net. Rohrkemper returned the puck to Coates, who tipped it past the Mustangs' goalie for his second goal of the game.

"It was fitting that Coates would score because he had a goal disallowed that would have won the game in regulation," Lock said.

Rohrkemper had two goals and five assists, after scoring twice in the victory against

"Our leaders are stepping up and carrying us on their shoulders," Lock said. "Rohrkemper has been outstanding, Coates has had two big games, and Doug Rahaim has been solid

that we didn't quit, even though we were down twice by two goals."

Steve Rozelle and Ben Scarfone each had a goal and two assists. Dante DeSeranno, who has also been playing well lately, and Rahaim each collected a goal and an assist.

goalie North Rohrkemper made 33 saves.

"It was one of those up-anddown games with no defense by either team," Lock said. "I'm always trying to preach defense, but this time I just decided it wasn't that kind of game."

The Utica game was also a wide-open affair with the Norsemen opening an 8-3 lead before the Chieftains' Steve Gilliland scored twice in the last 2:13.

Jeff Rohrkemper opened the scoring for North at 9:34 of the first period when he took a pass from Michael Neveux, skated over the blue line and fired a high wrist shot from between the circles that beat the Chieftains' goalie.

Utica's Mike Guest tied the game at 1-1 at 1:07 of the second period, but the Norsemen

league competition. The the last two games. The thing regained the lead 23 seconds later when Coates jammed in a rebound of Michael Colosimo's shot. Rahaim also assisted.

The Chieftains pulled back into a tie on Chad Jetts's power-play goal at 3:17. Neveux put North back in front, assist ed by Rahaim, at 6:07, and Rozelle gave the Norsemen 8 4-2 advantage at 12:44 Eric Scarfone and Jeff Rohrkemper assisted on Rozelle's goal that deflected off the Utica goalie's

North had trouble clearing the puck out of its own end leading to a goal by the Chieftains' Nick Drenchk with a minute left in the secon period.

The Norsemen scored fou straight goals in the third per od to put the game out d reach. Rahaim scored 37 see onds into the period to make Coates and Ale 5-3. Davenport had the assists.

Jeff Rohrkemper score shorthanded at the eigh minute mark, assisted by DeSeranno and Brando Davenport. North then go unassisted power-play goal from Scarfone and Rozelle go ahead 8-3.

Blue Devils skate past River Rats

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Ann Arbor Huron's hockey team committed a couple of grievous mistakes last week.

"You don't want to let (Ryan), Abraham shoot from the slot," said South coach Bob Bopp after the senior forward scored twice to lead the Blue Devils to a 3-0 victory against the River

"If you do, he's probably going to bury it."

Huron should have learned its lesson early.

A minute and 37 seconds into the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game, Abraham scored a shorthanded goal.

Ryan was wide open in the slot and he made no mistake on the shot," Bopp said.

The goal was set up by some perfect passing from Tim Shield, who assisted on all three South goals, and Trevor John, who had a pair of assists.

South's next two goals came on the power play. Brian Auty made it 2-0 at 8:17 of the first period, and Abraham capped the Blue Devils' scoring with 1:49 left in the second period. Once again, it was a nice passing play to Abraham, who was left open in the slot.

Although South controlled the game, outshooting Huron 25-12, it wasn't one of the Blue Devils' best performances of the season.

our (Grosse Pointe) North game and heading into a team that was struggling, I was concerned that we might not be at our best," Bopp said.

"I would have liked us to come out in the second period and put the game away. We did have some great pressure and missed on some very good chances."

Huron applied its only heavy pressure late in the second period, but South goalie Brett Johnson made some fine saves to preserve the shutout. Then Abraham scored his second goal to seize any momentum the River Rats might have been

Bopp was happiest with the record to 7-0.

"After being off all week after play of the Shield, Abrahan, Auty line, which figured in all of the goals, and John.

"This was the first time we've played Auty with Shield and Abraham, and he fits right in," Bopp said. "Shield is concerned that he isn't scoring more, but he's playing great. We don't need him to score.

"It seems like I'm commenting on John every game, but it's hard not to because he played such a solid game once again. Trevor is the type of player that doesn't come along that often. When he's on the ice, he seems to control what's happening."

The victory against Huron improved South's overall

Belle Isle Fun Run is 37th annual

The Belle Isle Runners, the Downtown Runners and Walkers and Michigan Runner magazine will host the 37th annual New Year's Eve Belle Isle Family Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The event has become a family tradition, attracting as many as 2,000 participants.

Runners, fitness walkers and race walkers will meet at 3 p.m. at the Belle Isle Casino building.

There will be a one-mile fun run for children 12 and under, an open mile run/walk, a fourmile run and a four-mile walk.

The entry fee includes a long-sleeve shirt, awards and refreshments. There will be trophies for all children 12 and

Early registration will be Thursday, Dec, 28 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Belle Isle Casino.

For more information, call race director Jeanne Bocci at (313) 886-5560 or contact her by fax at (313) 886-2051.

Entry blanks are available at www.michiganrunner.com/bell



Grosse Pointe North's Marissa LaValley stickhandles past a Walled Lake player.

North rusty, but still wins

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team had to wait 10 days to play an opponent. The Lady Norsemen looked

rusty, but prevailed to beat visiting Walled Lake 5-3. "We weren't sharp at all and

it showed with a lethargic showing on the ice," coach Scott Dockett said. "We were outplayed and lucky to win."

Phelicia Seniors VanOverbeke and Kate

take a 2-1 advantage. Senior Sarah Hughes assisted on the first goal, while sophomore Alexa Quinlan assisted on the second tally. The Lady Norsemen extend-

ed their lead to 5-1 with a three-goal second period.

Sophomore Lauren Walsh (from junior Katie Latimer), VanOverbeke (from freshman Nikki Capizzo and junior Meredith Chicklas) and Zemenick (from senior

Zemenick scored in the first Marissa LaValley and Quinlan period to help the home team scored the goals.

Walled Lake scored the final two goals to make it interesting late in the third period, but Walled Lake would get no clos-

"The girls need to wake up because we have some very tough games ahead of us and they can't play like this and expect to win," Dockett said.

North improved to 4-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-0 overall.

North wins swimming opener

Cameron Howle and Karl Tech each won two events as Grosse Pointe North's boys swimming team opened the freestyle. season with a 97-73 victory crossover meet. Mike Walton in the 100 back- the North pool.

. Na deputation of the

500-yard freestyle races, while Tech was first in the 50 and 100

against Marysville in a North came from Mike tween the crosstown rivals is Macomb Area Conference Kedzierski in the 100 butterfly, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in

Howle won the 200- and stroke and Michael VanBeek in the 100 breaststroke.

North's next action is Tuesday, Jan. 9 against Grosse Other individual firsts for Pointe South. The meet be-

South grad is high-point rider

First-year rider Katherine trian hunt seat team tied for Otterbein College. er as the Albion College eques- Show

Ross of Grosse Pointe Park eighth place in a 13-team field Competition

Ross finished first in novice was the reserve high-point rid- at the Intercollegiate Horse fences and novice flat. She is a at Grosse Pointe South graduate.

ULS girls get first victory

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

coach Head Laura Owczarski and her University Liggett School girls hockey team is hungry for a win.

Last week, the Lady Knights lost 9-1 to league powerhouse Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

"We were OK in the first couple of periods, but then we just couldn't get anything going," Owczarski said. "PCS is a great team and we didn't have the numbers to keep up with

Senior Monique Squiers scored the Lady Knights' lone goal midway through the final period.

"We have played better hockey, but the results still aren't what we had hoped for," Owczarski said. "If we play a solid three periods, we can get a win against Mercy."

The Lady Knights earned that elusive victory, beating host Mercy Unified 3-2 in overtime.

"I think this can be a turning point to our season," senior captain Elizabeth Palmer said. "We never got down on ourselves, even when we were behind late in the game."

Squiers scored to get ULS on the board with only three minutes left in the final period.

Freshman Morgan Ellis tied the game with a goal in the final moments.

With 4:43 left in the extra session, Squiers scored to win the game.

"It was a sweet win," senior Meghan Wilson said. "We were jumping for joy after the

goalkeeper Sophomore Janaya Gripper played her best game of the season to earn the

The University Liggett School girls hockey team improved to 1-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 1-5 over-

Park runner is first in AAU event

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ben Miller, a student at De La Salle, won the AAU 16-and-under National Gross Country Championships at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Miller's winning time was 15:26 for the five-kilometer

Earlier, he finished sixth in the Division I state meet with a time of 15:53.



State cuts

Danny Basile, left, and Michael Shook, right, achieved Division I state-qualifying times for Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team in a season-opening loss to Ann Arbor Huron. In the center is new South coach Eric Gunderson. South had first-place finishes from Riley Sherer in the 50-yard freestyle, Jordan Long in diving and Basile in the 500 freestyle.

Knights fall in title game

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

The University Liggett School boys hockey team lost 3-0 to Birmingham Detroit Country Day in the championship game of the Holiday Tournament.

The host Knights were bottled up the entire game, getting only 16 shots on Yellowjackets goalkeeper Andrew Keila.

"We took a few too many penalties and gave up two powerplay goals," head coach Terry Olson said. "We won't win games with that combination.'

Erik Rebbe had two goals the season. and Blake Fielder added one to lead the Yellowjackets.

For the Knights, it was a disappointing ending, but positive in the fact that they are playing better than at this time last year.

"We're a young team, but the guys are hungry to win," Olson said. "We might have lost to a good Country Day team, but we made it to the finals and playing some good hockey."

The Knights blanked Warren-Sterling United 5-0 in their semifinal contest.

Senior goalkeeper Zach Keith posted his first shutout of

"The guys put together a solid game," Olson said. "The play was a little choppy in the final couple of periods, but our guys didn't get caught up in that. They just kept skating, passing and playing team hockey."

Junior Mike Thomas got the home team on the board in the opening period.

In the second stanza, junior Mike Burchi, senior Mike Zukas and freshman Tyler Suciu scored to blow open a close game.

Zukas added his second tally of the game midway through the final period.



ULS senior goalie Zack Keith makes a save on his way to a 5-0 win against Warren-Sterling United in the first round game of the 2006 ULS Holiday Tournament.

like we were too tired to make

first half with an 8-0 run to take

a 25-17 lead to the locker room. With just under three

minutes to play in the third

quarter, South had its biggest

lead of the game, 35-24 after a

6-0 spurt that featured a pair of

game early in the fourth quar-

ter. Three straight triples by

Caldwell and Eric Woods made

it 39-38 with 3:47 left. After the

teams traded baskets, South

closed the game with a 7-2 run.

a steal that set up a basket by

Wise, and came down with a

"J.C. has to be assertive --

Wise, the freshman point

guard, and Shirar led South

with 12 points apiece. Cruse

finished with eight points and

Woods led Roseville with

nine points, all on three-point

Cruse started the spurt when

Roseville got back in the

Zhaquay

inside baskets by Shirar.

Clark-Pannell,

basket by Shirar.

10 rebounds.

baskets.

minutes," Ritchie said.

The Blue Devils ended the

Photograph

The identification of the Grosse Pointe North basketball player in a photograph on page 2C of the Dec. 14 edition of the Grosse Pointe News should have been Steve

SPIKERS: North makes

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Heights Lamphere and Cranbrook Kingswood, then split two games with Dearborn and Utica Ford II.

In the quarterfinals, the Norsemen rolled past Madison Heights Bishop Foley 25-14,

Kulek led North with 68 digs in the tournament. Nagel had 30 digs and 19 kills, while Kent had 30 digs and seven kills. Reno had six ace serves and 43 assists. Braker had 13 blocks and 19 kills. Klein contributed seven blocks and 25 kills.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Here's a list for Santa



Santa. I feel a little bit guilty asking you for anything this Christmas because 2006 has been a heckuva year. I don't remember writing you a letter last year. Maybe I was just very good because you really came

ear (Sailing)

through for me in 2006: ◆ Sailing on Lake St. Clair or the Detroit River during nine months of this year

◆ A top-three finish at a national championship

♦ Wins at two match racing events and qualifying to the Great Lakes Match Racing Championship

◆ An amazing group of beginning sailors enrolled in a class I helped teach ◆ The other committed vol-

unteer instructors who helped foster a love of the water in the students ◆ Other awesome volunteer

umpires, judges and race committee and yacht club staff who make all our sailing possible ◆ Racing in five countries, including a world champi-

onship in Denmark ◆ Great weather for the Detroit NOOD regatta and most of the Tuesday night Sundown Series

◆ Amazing coverage of sailing in the local media ◆ A visit to the America's

Cup harbor in Valencia, Spain A chance to write a sailing

column for a great newspaper ◆ New friendships because

of this sport ◆ Lots of sailing with longtime friends

◆ A race with my 74-year-old father on his boat on Lake Michigan - I don't think I'd raced with him in at least a decade.

So Santa, as you can see, it's going to be hard to top all that However, in case you're in-

clined to try, I have a few suggestions for gifts for me and maybe someother sailors on your list:

◆ New sailing gloves. These ALWAYS wear out. You can never have enough pairs hooked on your gear bag. Besides, someone on the boat is always missing them, and it will make them really like you if you share.

◆ A sailing watch with buttons that won't get inadvertently pushed in the starting sequence. Speaking from experience in more than a few prestarts this year (sorry to all my skippers!), having a reliable watch is really important.

◆ Regatta sponsors. We have some big and national events on the calendar for next year and they present great opportunities for local companies to get exposure. We have some creative ideas about how we can help each other from the smallest of club races to some national championships. Employee retreats could be part of the events. Have a meeting while the regatta is going on and then join the sailors for the party. Local media coverage of our great sport is increasing, and the sponsor logos can look really nice on clothing and sails.

◆ Speaking of sails, I'd really love some new ones for the Ultimate 20s at Bayview Yacht Club ...

◆ Successful knee surgery for my dog and favorite crew member, Bear. Faithful readers will remember he wrote one of the On Sail installments this year about his experience in the Grosse Point Sail Club Sundown Series (he got a third overall!). Unfortunately, his sailor's diet and lifestyle have gotten the better of his ACL, and he has surgery scheduled right after New Year's. His primary care veterinarian, Dr. Lawrence Herzog of Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic in the Park, promises that with proper rehab, he'll be ready for the 2007 sailing season.

◆ Sailing regularly with good friends, here or in more exotic locales. ◆ A plane ticket to see the

America's Cup would be nice. ◆ Could you pay my yacht

club bill, maybe just once? Well, Santa, these are just suggestions, because you already came through with a

great present this week: Having the U.S. Coast Guard abandon that ridiculous plan for live ammunition target practice on the Great Lakes was all the gift I need. Were your elves among the hundreds of letter writers opposing the project?

Thanks for letting them leave the workshop long enough to make their voices heard!

Anyway, I'll let you get back to readying the reindeer. If getting prepared for Christmas Eve is anything like the week before the Bayview Mackinac Race, you probably are ready for some eggnog.

Merry Christmas! Sandra Svoboda lives in Grosse Pointe Park. She can be reached at OnSail@grossepointenews.com

SOUTH: Improves record to 4-0

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converted a three-point play to cut the lead to three points.

"We didn't do that much wrong," Ritchie said of the LCN rally. "That's one of those times where you have to give the other team credit for making some good plays."

The Blue Devils headed off the Crusaders and chalked up their fourth victory without a loss this season.

"Our defensive effort was outstanding," Ritchie said. "The guards, J.C. Cruse, Jarvis Wise and Jimmy Saros, played very well. And Tim Quinn has his best game of the season. L'Anse Creuse North had trouble getting shots off for the first three quarters."

If time of possession was kept in basketball, LCN would have probably had the ball for 24 minutes of the 32-minute game. The Crusaders worked the ball around, trying to get a good shot, but South kept denying LCN good looks at the basket.

"(LCN) didn't get much out match up with a team as small of its post game, and we did a as Roseville, but it looked like good job of defending the we didn't want to defend them, perimeter," Ritchie said.

The Blue Devils got some the effort," Ritchie said. help in the post from Tim Griffith and Cale Mannesto, who came into the game when starting center P.T. Shirar picked up a couple of early fouls.

"We got solid games from both of them," Ritchie said. "Tim has played in every game so far. I told Cale the day before that he was going to get some minutes. He's our undersized post man."

Cruse led South with 16 points, Shirar had 11 and Saros added seven.

One key statistic for the Blue Devils was a season-low five turnovers, which was also in- he hit a jump shot. He then got dicative of the strong play from the South guards.

In the Roseville game, the defensive rebound that led to a Blue Devils had several chances to put the contest out of reach but they kept letting like he was in the last three the Panthers get back into it.

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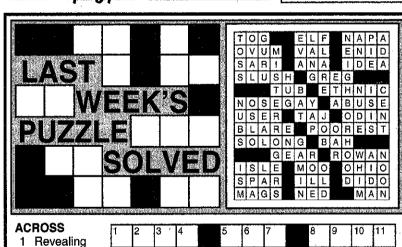
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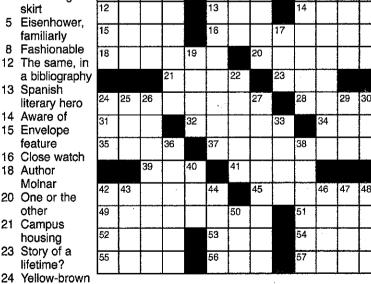
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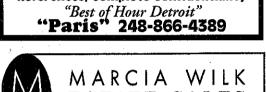
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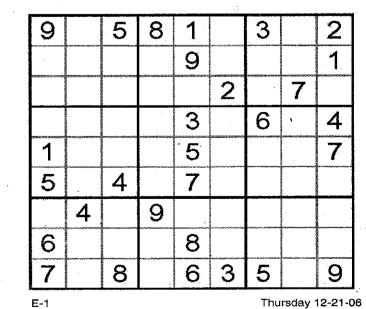
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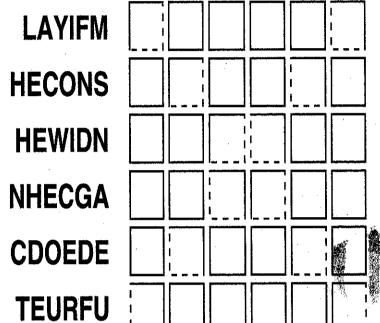
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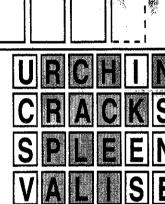
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